DIXON EVENING TELEGRAPH.

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Every article must be sold. Prices cut in two If you want to buy Holiday Goods at ½ price come to our basement sale beginning Wednesday; Dec. 17.

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HERE ARE THE NEW ONES

The Spenders By Wilson head the list.

Dorothy South By Eggleston, seems to be next in favor.

The Gates of the Kiss By Harding is another.

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Many Other New Ones for sale at

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Pays 6 per cent interest on Deposits; Loans Money on 1st-mortgage Real Estate security. Begin the new year right. Open a Savings Account NOW by taking stock in the 63rd Series. Now is the time to begin saving, while times are good. Further information will be cheerfully furnished by

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The OLD YEAR AND The NEW

JUST Now It is Fitting That We Express Our Appreciation of the Highly Satisfactory Business which has been accorded us during the past year. We Thank Our Patron for their interest and loyalty, and while expressing appreciation, we wish to extend our best wishes for a New Year of happiness and prosperity for all. Your best interests shall be our interests during the coming year. Our service will, if possible, be better than ever before, as a practical acknowledgement of our appreciation of your continued favor and patronage.

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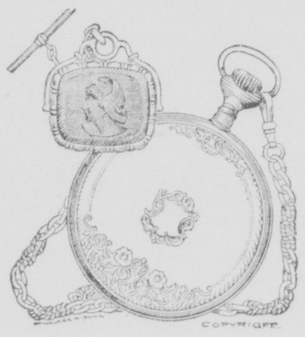

A Watch should be elegant in design and finish. Of course its principal function is to keep good time, whether one is at home or traveling, but neatness and beauty of case are second only to the quality of the mechanism. Our guarantee will assure you that you are getting wha tyou pay for.

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THE YEAR OF 1902 IN REVIEW

Public Improvements in Dixon; The Record of Fires; Report of Public Library.

THE WORK OF THE COUNTY OFFICERS

Number of Marriages, Births and Deaths; Record of Courts, the Coroner, the Sheriff; Other Facts.

Another year has closed, and it has been a prosperous year for Dixon in nearly every sense. In fact, when one stops and looks in retrospect over the city's achievements in a material way there is little to regret and much to be thankful for. Dixon is steadily advancing and today we doubt if there is a city of its population which has better public improvements or is more attractive to the stranger or more loved by its people. Improvements could be made in the way of parks and doubtless will be made next year. A city hall is also the cherished wish of all.

One great lack in the records of the past year is the fact that no new factories have been added to our commercial interests. This is one great motive power of advancement and must be given attention next year.

As far as improvements of a public nature are concerned, this year has been a good one. Grouping the figures the result is about as follows:

Four and one-half miles of cement walks.

Sixteen blocks of macadam streets.

Thirty blocks of storm or sanitary sewers.

The above is work which has all been authorized by the city council and is in the nature of permanent public improvements, work which will not have to be done over and over again, as has been the case in the past with reference to board sidewalks. The permanent walks of our city will remain a credit to the administration of Mayor Truman, who worked so hard to make people see their advantage and ultimate economy. In conversation with Mr. Truman he says that the records show that the city has expended $65,000 for board walks in the last 15 years. For this money there is nothing to show but a few rotting planks, a menace to life and limb holding out the constant possibility of heavy damage suits for the city to pay.

The past season was very wet so that work has been retarded, yet the result is very satisfactory, as sixteen blocks of beautiful macadam streets will testify. The good work will go on next year and possibly some more brick pavement will be laid.

Sewers Put In.

The thirty blocks of sewers put in this year are found upon the following streets:

On Hennepin avenue from Eighth to Fifth, then to Peoria.

On Crawford from Fourth to Second, then to Ottowa and to the river.

A storm sewer on Second from Dixon avenue to Crawford and connecting with the sewer that runs to the river.

Storm sewer on Central Place to Third street arch.

In North Dixon the sewer lines are: Beginning at Bradshaw and running to the corner of North Crawford and Chamberlain, thence west to North Ottawa and thence to the river. This is storm and sanitary.

A sanitary sewer on Everett from Ottawa to North Galena.

Another on North Galena from the Illinois Central railway to the river.

One of the most necessary pieces of work done was the enclosing by a stone archway the ditch on Galena and Fifth streets which has always been an eye-sore and source of danger. The actual cost of this was nearly $2700, but contributions from property owners reduced the cost to the city to $2200.

Permanent Roads Built.

The macadam streets laid this season are as follows: Five blocks on Madison avenue, one on Third, two on Fifth, one on North Dixon avenue, four on Hennepin, one on First, one on Artesian and one on Crawford.

Year's Record of Fires.

While Dixon has been fortunate in regard to fires the past year the loss from this source has been nearly three times what it was in 1901, which was unusually light. The actual number of fires this year was just three more than last year, but the heavy loss in the Arnovitz & Co., fire on January 20, which amounted to $3,696.95, swelled the total amount of losses for the year to $6,288.84. In 1901 the total loss amounted to $2,504. In 1902 the department received 42 calls and there were eleven fires with losses where no calls were sent in. In 1902 there were 40 calls and 16 fires without calls where losses were reported.

A Word of Caution.

In this connection The Telegraph would like to impress upon the public the danger in neglecting to call the fire department in case of a fire. It is right to use every effort to put out or check the fire yourself, but see that the department is called, for no one can tell when a fire may get beyond their control. The losses by fire this year where no call was sent to the department amounted to over $300; one loss being $104. The Dixon fire department is very efficient in handling fires and chemicals are always used instead of water on small fires, thus minimizing the loss.

Work of Fire Department.

The work of the department has been conducted in a very systematic and economical manner and much credit is due Fire Chief George Detrick for this. Francis Coffey and Will James have also proven themselves very efficient and faithful in their service. There have been very few calls for the Volunteer Department this year, but they have been alert and ready to respond. The running team of this department brought glory upon themselves and won honor for Dixon in August by winning the state championship hook and ladder race at Blue Island.

Five hundred feet of new hose was purchased this year at a cost of $500 and the department now has 2000 feet of good hose, sufficient to meet almost any requirement. This hose has not cost the city anything, but has been purchased out of insurance company tax.

At the Public Library.

In 1901 there were 19,479 applications for books at the Dodge public library—in 1902 there were 21,074 issued by the librarian. These were apportioned during the months as follows:

January—2056
February—2006
March—2323
April—2038
May—1782
June—1494
July—1405
August—1299
September—1379
October—1674
November—1907
December—1711
Total—21,074

On Saturday, April 12, the largest number of books, 230, was issued. Only 4 were issued, however, on Wednesday, July 23. Cards to the number of 1343 were made out last year, there being 626 for 1902. During the year about 935 new books have been added to the library and several hundred have been rebound. There are over 5,000 books now in good condition for the benefit of the reading public and the privileges of the library aee eagerly sought after. A record of the out-of-town visieors at the institution during the months of July, August, September and October was kept. There were 140 visitors and they had no adverse criticisms to offer. The library reading rooms have been open on Sunday afternoons, during November and December. Dixon citizens visited it as follows, for the nine Sundays just past, the first number being children and the second adults; November 2, 21-10; 9, 13-20; 16, 3-9; 23, 17-13; 30, 15-20. December 7, 10-13; 14, 6-6; 21, 12-10; 28, 12-5. Total 225.

Marriage Licenses.

During the past year County Clerk Thompson made over five hundred hearts happy by granting marriage licenses. There were 261 of these documents issued and they were distributed among the months as follows: January 27, February 27, March 19, April 17, May 18, June 24, July 15, August 15, September 24, October 21, November 20 and December 37. Thus it will be seen that June as the favored month for weddings has given place to December with its holiday associations and merry-making. This year shows a decrease in the number of licenses issued as in 1901 there were 283 granted, as against 221 in 1900 and 219 in 1899.

Lee County Deaths Number 216.

The physicians of Lee county are obliged to report all births and deaths which occur and are liable to a heavy fine for all they do not so report. They receive a fee of 26 cents for each birth reported to the county clerk. During the past year there have been 216 deaths in Lee county, not enumerating 24 still births. This loss in the population is made up by more than double the nnmber of births.

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BOY TRAVELER ENTERTAINS

Harry Steele Morrison at Y. M. C. A. Last Night Tells of His Tramp Abroad.

LARGE AUDIENCE ENJOYED LECTURE

As Boy of 15 Started for Europe With $25 in His Pocket—Had Many Queer Experiences.

Harry Steele Morrison, known as the boy traveler, lectured at the Y. M. C. A. rooms in this city last evening. He was greeted by a large crowd of men, young and old, who were highly entertained by his description of his travels in Europe when a boy of 15 years with no resource other than his ingenuity could devise.

Mr. Morrison is now but 19 years old, yet he has improved his time in travel and education as few others have done. This can be seen in his lecture. He has a good voice; his words are well chosen and his sentences smoothly constructed, while his descriptions are delightfully fresh and original. He spoke as one of a maturer mind looking back upon the inexperience of youth; yet but a few years separate him from the amusing positions in which he depicted himself.

He began his story with the time he left Matoon, Ill., as a boy of 14 and went to Chicago to secure a position as office boy. His boyish inexperience was very naturally told, as when after a year of office boy life he decided he would like to be a newspaper reporter and applied at the various Chicago offices for a situation. He soon learned that if he was to write for the papers he must first find something worth writing about, so he struck high and decided to go to London and report the Queen's jubilee. He had $25 in his pocket, but was undaunted by the smallness of his pile and set out. His subsequent experiences were novel and interesting and his very inexperience stood him well in prompting him to attempt things which others would consider impossible. He went where only a boy, and one with his originality, could go. Things which would discourage others did not stop him and he secured audiences with President McKinley, Gladstone, Queen Victoria, the Lord Mayor of London, the President of the Swiss Republic, President Faure of France and many other noted personages who seemed equally entertained by the novel specimen of Young America. Of hardships he had many and his methods of paving his expenses gave him valuable experience.

No admittance was charged for the lecture, but a collection was taken and the social committee of the Association made up the rest of the amount necessary to pay the lecturer. The Association took this as a means to interest the young men of the city and get them in the habit of enjoying the privileges of the rooms, where they are always welcome.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE TONIGHT.

Union Service at Methodist Church With Attractive Program.

The annual Watch Night service will be held at the Methodist church tonight and will include the following program:

7:30 to 9.—Social hour and praise service.

9 to 10:30.—Preaching service, sermon by Dr. Dornblaser. The choir of the Methodist church will repeat the "Gloria" as sung by them on Sunday morning last.

10:30 to 11:30.—Prayer and testament. Rev. Idleman of the Christian church and other city clergymen are expected to take part in this service.

11.30 to 12.—Consecration service led by the Rev. Wm. Craven.

The public is cordially invited.

Come when you can and stay as long as you can, and you will be welcome.

WILL SOON DECIDE ROUTE.

Survey on New Electric Road Is Progressing Favorably.

H. C. Higgins, president of the Sterling, Dixon & Eastern Electric railway, says that he has settled up for all the right of way for the new electric road between Sterling and Cox's corners. As soon as the survey from Cox's to Dixon is completed he will decide which route he will take—the river road or the Prairieville road to Dixon.

We Wish You All

A Happy New Year

To make the beginning a happy one' we have provided a great variety of all the delicacies of the season. We feel sure that in comparing quality and price, you will be well satisfied with our efforts to please you. - - -

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1902 ABOUT TO BE BOTTLED UP.

Another year is about to pass in its checks. A few important events will be "bottled up" in our memories and with these exceptions 1902 will be forgotten.

The Howell store has had a remarkably busy year. We expect to be busier next year. We expect to keep right on selling the very best qualities of goods at unmatchable prices.

If it's a stove you need, any sort, this is the place to get it. If it's hardware of any sort it's here. We're carrying one of the best stocks of hardware in this section of Illinois.

We're going to keep on pleasing our customers. We want you to feel when you buy anything here that you are not compelled to keep it if it doesn't exactly suit you.

E. N Howell Hardware Co.
Dixon, Illinois.

Petticoat Sale

We are Sole Agents for the French Garment Co. Celebrated Mercerized Petticoats.

No. 22 Petticoat, worth $1.25, sale price 98c
No. 26 Petticoat, worth $1.25, sale price 98c
No. 25 Petticoat, worth $1.50, sale price $1.19
No. 53 Petticoat, worth $1.65 sale price 1.39
No. 23 Petticoat worth $1.75 sale price 1.45
No. 33 Petticoat worth $1 85 sale price 1.59
No. 54 Petticoat worth $2.00 sale price 1.69
No. 62 Petticoat worth $2.25 sale price 1.98
No. 80 Petticoat worth $2 50 sale price 2.10
No. 100 Petticoat worth $2.75 sale price 2.39
No. 75 Petticoat worth $3.00 sale price 2.59
No. 95 Petticoat worth $3.50 sale price 2.98

Select the No. and Price you want and if you can't come yourself send by a friend for one of these real bargains.

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RAILROAD TIME TABLE

Chicago & Northwestern

EAST BOUND	WEST BOUND
No. 8.....3.25 a. m. †	No. 1.....10.23 p. m
No. 6.....5:00 a. m. *	No 7.....3.45 p. m
No. 16.....6.15 a. m. *	No. 11.....5.48 p. m
No. 9.....6.37 a. m *	No. 3.....2.27 p. m
No. 18.....7.19 a. m †	No. 17.....6.44 p. m
No. 20.....10.22 a. m †	No. 13.....10.17 a. m
No. 12.....1.44 p. m *	No. 5.....12.22 p. m
No. 14.....3.50 p. m †	No. 25.....8.54 p. m*
No. 28.....5.15 p. m ¶	
No 4.....7.13 p. m *	

FREIGHT TRAINS CARRING PASSENGERS

TRAINS GOING EAST	TRAINS GOING WEST
No. 134.....7.45 a. m †	No. 131...11.15 a. m
No. 114.....7.20 p. m †	

*—Daily. †—Daily except Sunday
¶—Sunday only

TRAINS CARRING MAIL—EAST BOUND

No 10—Atlantic Express, mail
No. 18—Sterling Passenger mail
No. 20—Cedar Rapids Passenger, mail
No. —4 Colorado Special, mail

WEST BOUND

No. 25—Overland Flyer through mail
No. 5—Colorado Special, mail
No 17—Sterling Passenger, mail.

Illinois Central Railroad

TRAINS GOING SOUTH	TRAINS GOING NORTH
Centralia P..3.35 a.m	Dubuque P..9.45 p.m
*Through....10.52 a. m	*Through....5.18 p.m
Decatur.....4.06 p. m	Freeport....9.37 a.m
Freight.....10.30 a m	Freight.....2.10 p. m
	* Daily

MAILS CLOSE

EAST	WEST
6:55 a. m.	12 noon
10:00 a. m.	6:25 p. m.
6:45 p. m	8:25 p. m.
8:25 p. m.	
NORTH	**SOUTH**
9.15 a. m.	10:30 a. m.
5 00 p. m.	3:50 p. m.
6:45 p. m.	9:00 p. m.

ILLINOIS LEADS.

Produced More Corn and More Oats Past Season Than Any Other State.

Illinois produced more bushels of corn and a larger yield of oats during the past season than any other state in the Union. Final returns to the statistician of the department of agriculture at Washington, D. C., from regular and special correspondents, supplemented by reports of special field agents, show that Illinois leads with a total of 372,436,416 bushels of corn raised in 1902. Illinois also gave the largest yield of oats, namely 153,450,423 bushels. Great is Illinois.

More About Mrs. Freemont.

Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, whose death on Saturday night we announced last evening, was the daughter of Senator Thomas H. Benton of Missouri. As a child she left her home in St. Louis with her father and visited Washington, the scene later of social triumphs. One of her first acquaintances in the national capital was President Andrew Jackson, of whom she was a great favorite. She made her social debut when 13 years of age at a dinner President Van Buren gave for his son. The following year she was a bridesmaid at the marriage of the Russian minister, Bodisco, "the Splendid." Mr. Buchanan, who later defeated her husband, General Fremont, for the presidency, was her groomsman. The bride was given away by Henry Clay.

Mrs. Fremont was engaged on her biography when she died. She had enjoyed excellent health until last summer when she fell and broke a hip. Her health then steadily began to decline.

Betrayed by a Petticoat.

The Sterling Gazette states that Mrs. Martha Alexander of Rock Falls, had been missing things for some time among the rest a white lace-trimmed petticoat. Monday as Mrs. Florence Anderson was crossing the street she held up the skirt of her dress, disclosing to the eyes of Mrs. Alexander her own familiar article of underwear. The result was a search warrant and the recovery of the petticoat, together with a hat, a collarette, a calico pattern and several smaller articles.

CATARRH CANNOT BE CURED with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucuous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucuous surface. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials free.

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RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

Suggestions to Patrons and Carriers from Headquarters.

A. W. Machen, general superintendent of the free rural mail service, sends the following notice to patrons and carriers:

The department looks to the patrons of the rural free delivery service, who are receiving the benefits of the service, to use their utmost personal endeavors, and also to exert their influence with the road supervisors, or with those officials who are responsible for the condition of the highways, to the end that the roads traveled by the rural carriers may always be kept open and in such passable shape that the service can be regularly and punctually performed.

Should the regularity of the service be needlessly destroyed as the result of inattention and lack of care bestowed on the highways, the permanent withdrawal of the delivery will very likely result.

Rural letter carriers are required to serve their routes regularly at all seasons of the year and in every kind of weather when it can be done without seriously imperiling their lives or endangering their conveyances or the U. S. mail which is in their custody.

Patrons should clear away the snow drifts, so that carriers can drive up to and reach boxes from their vehicles without dismounting.

It is not a part of the carrier's duty to break out the roads after severe snow storms.

Rural carriers are expected to energetically try to serve their routes even though the conditions may be extremely adverse, and any undue lack of zeal on their part should be promptly brought to the attention of this office for such action as the merits of the case require.

SEVENTEEN LOG SCHOOL HOUSES IN STATE.

There are 614 Children Between 6 and 21 Unable to Read and Write.

The recent report of State Superintendent of Schools Bayliss reveals some peculiar things. Among others is the fact that there are seventeen log school houses in Illinois. Last year the report showed twenty-two, but five have since been replaced with modern structures. In all there are 12,865 school houses in the State, 169 of which were built within the year. In these 27,186 teachers are required to govern and instruct 971,841 pupils.

The whole number of persons between the age of 6 and 21 years reported as unable to read and write was 614. The assigned causes of illiteracy were: Indigency of parents, 39; inaccessible schools, 25; neglect of parents, 184; ill health, weakness of mind, blindness, foreign birth and deafness 366.

Cost of High Schools.

The high schools, 350 in number, cost for maintainance $1,531,523.43. The whole number of pupils in them was 41,951 and 5,230 were graduated during the year. Of these 1,915 were boys and 3,415 were girls. The high schools employed 1,606 teachers and the pay roll amounted to $1,314,600 52

A Narrow Escape.

Sterling Standard:—LeRoy Powers, son of Mr. and Mrs, Auston Powers of Prairieville had a very narrow escape from drowning in Rock River Monday morning. He and his father had been cutting ice south of Prairieville on the river and had loaded the wagon. LeRoy started to drive to shore when he got the team on thin ice and they broke through. The boy was thrown into the water with the struggling horses and was rescued with difficulty. The harness had to be cut to pieces to get the horses out and the wagon was taken from the river in small pieces. It took the hard work of six men over two hours to get everything out on the bank. LeRoy was taken to the home of Lee Book where he was cared for. He was not injured. The horses were badly cut but they will probably not take any harm from their involuntary bath in icy water.

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NO UNION OF TEACHERS

Labor Combination in the School Field Is Opposed in the Convention.

PHONETIC SPELLING IS APPROVED

Demaree and His Hypnotized Romance May Be Happy Yet—State News Notes.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 31.—"Unionism is not and never shall invade the ranks of the Illinois State Teachers' association," is the unanimous and emphatic assertion of the most prominent educators of the state attending the annual meeting of the body. Daily papers in Chicago published stories to the effect that the rural teachers of the state were being inocculated with the union spirit by representatives of the Chicago Teachers' Federation, and that the major portion of the pedagogues are pleased with and really grasping for the actual unionizing of the entire working principles of the association. The foregoing is the reply.

Tha Wud Hav Ezy Speling.

Probably the most significant act of the association was the adoption of resolutions favoring amelioration of spelling to conform with the simplified spelling as adopted by the National Education association. These resolutions were offered by Superintendent Collins, of Springfield, and were passed after a spirited debate.

Tracy Roasts the Schools.

F. N. Tracy, of Kankakee, president of the State Teachers' Federation, in opening the convention scored the public school system of Illinois, and declared it obsolete, loose, inadequate, inefficient and antiquated.

Fraternal League Officers.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 31.—Members of the Illinois Fraternal League who have been in session for the past two days adjourned last evening after electing the following officers for the ensuing year: J. B. Abrams, of Taylorville, president; C. J. Bell, Springfield, secretary and treasurer. They were all re-elected, as was the old board of directors.

ROMANCE OF J. H. DEMAREE

Says His Wife Hypnotized Him So as to Get Him to Marry—Looks Like Reconciliation Now.

Greenville, Ills., Dec. 31.—John H. Demaree, the Greenville contractor who declares his pretty bride hypnotized him into marrying her, twice attempted suicide. He first tried poisoning and next a razor, and failed in both. Then he telegraphed his wife to come, and she arrived Monday night and was driven at once to the Demaree residence, where a long and private conference was held between husband and wife. Later Mrs. Demaree stated that she thought her husband would be all right in a few days. She was surprised to learn that he had made an attempt at suicide, and said that she did not want him sent to any asylum.

When asked for her version of Demaree's story that she had hypnotized him and inveigled him into wedlock, she said she had not talked to him about the matter, and consequently had no statement to make. Mrs. Demaree appeared cool and self-possessed. She is apparently mistress of the situation, and a reconciliation may be effected Mrs. Demaree does not seem disturbed over the notoriety that has resulted from her marriage. She said that her husband is a trifle nervous.

Important Railway Project.

Carbondale, Ills., Dec. 31.—Incorporation papers have been filed in this county for the St. Louis and East Shore railroad, an entirely new system. The road will have for its northern terminus East St. Louis and from there run through St. Clair, Monroe and Randolph counties to Fort Gage, thence passing through Jackson, Williamson, Saline and Gallatin counties. It is expected that from this city a branch will run through Brookport, tapping the great southern Illinois coal fields and the great kaolin deposits of the southeast. Another branch is to run to Shawneetown.

Dunlap Trial Drags.

Aledo, Ills., Dec. 31.—The Dunlap trial drags somewhat. The state is now trying to impeach testimony given for the defense and has put several witnesses on the stand to testify that things were not said differently from what was represented by the defense. Miss Dunlap shows the effects of her illness. Her lips are colorless, her face is pale and she shows interest only when Searles, her attorney, rises to object to the evidence presented by the state.

Went Out of Window Head First.

Danville, Ills., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Effie Young and Mrs. May Cook were cleaning clothing with gasoline in a second-story room when Mrs. Young stepped on a match. The oil fumes caught fire and flames filled the room. The women jumped headfirst out of a window. Mrs. Cook broke her right arm and shoulder. Mrs. Young is injured internally. Both were badly burned. The house was partly destroyed by fire.

End of a Series of Quarrels.

Peoria, Ills., Dec. 31.—A. P. Talbot, manager of the Central Union Telephone company's office at Delavan, near here, shot and seriously injured his wife, and killed himself yesterday. The affair is the culmination of a series of family quarrels. Jealousy is supposed to be the motive.

DIXON MERCANTILE CO.

Masonic Block Dixon. Corner Peoria and First

The New Big Store

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the fullness of our our hearts we wish you a Happy New Year We hope that 1903 may bring prosperity and comfort to everyone of our customers. The year that has passed has been one of unprecedented success to this store. We have sold more goods and we have sold better qualities than ever before. That our store has proved such a success, that our policy of giving good values has pleased you, that our liberal method of guaranteeing satisfaction on all sales has been of value to you, are a few of the reasons which induce us to pursue the same policy for 1903. The liberal patronage which we have enjoyed during 1902 is another reason which puts us in the frame of mind to wish you and yours

A Happy New Year

CLOTHING DEPT.

Another big purchase just made of Men's and Boys' fine Clothing at 54c on the dollar from one of the leading high grade Clothing manufacturers of New York City, consisting of Men's and Boys' fine Suits and Overcoats. These are all new and up to date this season's new Fall and Winter goods. Here are a few of the many bargains, we would be pleased to show you and we don't expect to sell you unless we can offer you the biggest bargains in Clothing in Dixon.

Lot 1—Men's fine $15.00 Suits and Overcoats, this season's new style, special sale price $9.75
Men's $12.00 and $10.00 Suits and Overcoats, this season's style, special sale price $7.45
Boys' $5 and $6 Overcoats, special sale price $3.45
Boys' $12.00 new up to date Suits $7.45
Men's $15.00 Fur Coats, sale price $11.95

SHOE DEPT.

Shoes for Children—During the Holidays we told you our whole story about Children's Shoes, but it will bear repeating, especially as some of our children are needing shoes today. Our children's Shoes are made from the best leather, the soles are solid—they're not the highest priced shoes you can buy, but they're the best for wear and comfort. This week we will offer the following:

$1.50 Boys' and Girls' Box Calf Shoes, newest style, to, heavy sole. special sale price ..... $1.25 a pair
Special Price on Boys' and Girls Shoes, Box Calf; $1.25 Shoes ..... 98c a pair
Ladies' $2.50 Shoes in Patent Leather Box Calf or Vici Kid, light or heavy extension sole, sale price ..... $1.95 a pair

For the Balance of the Year

The following reduced prices on Suits and Cloaks:

$25.00 Monte Carlo Coats reduced to..$15.00
$20.00 Monte Carlo Coats reduced to..$12.50
$15.00 Suits reduced to $10.00
$12.50 Suits reduced to ..... $ 8.00
$12.00 Skirts reduced to ..... $ 8.00
$ 7.50 Skirts reduced to ..... $ 5.00
$ 6.00 Shirts reduced to ..... $ 4.00

HALF PRICE SALE.

Dolls, Fancy Baskets, Jewelry, Fancy Pillow Tops, Children's Story Books reduced to half price, Ladies' and Children's Furs at ½ price for tomorrow, December 30th.

GROCERY DEPT.

Extra Fancy Onions bushel 85c
Turnips per bushel 20c
Apples per peck 25c
12 bars of Swift's soap 25c
Pop Corn per lb 4c

MEAT DEPT.

Spare Ribs per lb 5c
Bologna per lb 6c
Liver Pudding 3 lbs 25c

CLOAK DEPT,

We bought several days ago, a manufacturer's entire stock of Monte Carlo and English Walking Coats and have just received today by express. We have placed them on sale at prices that will move them quickly. See them.

TOY DEPT.

Every mechanical toy in our stock for tomorrow at Just ½ Price. If you need or want any albums, toilet cases, hankerchief, glove or work baskets, for New Year presents, come and we'll give you ½ off the plainly marked price. Any holiday goods in the house will be sold at Big Reductions.

HORSE BLANKETS

We want to make a clean sweep of all our horse blankets and for a few days you can buy

$3.50 Horse Blankets $2.39
$3.00 " " $1.98
$2.00 " " $1.39
$1.50 " " 98c
$1.25 " " 85c
65c " " 39c

SHOE DEPT.

Boys heavy sole $1.25 shoe for 98c
Childrens all solid leather shoes sizes 6 to 8 ..... 59c
Mens high cut seal leather $2.50 shoes $1.98
Men's $2.50 leather lined shoes, new styles at $1.95
Have you seen our men's 1.50 shoes we guarantee a new pair if they don't wear.
Mens $1.25 buckle, heavy or light overshoes 98c
Mens $2.50 felt boots and rubber buckle overshoes per pair $1 95
Mens $3.00 felt boots and snag proof buckle overshoes special sale price $2.25
See our ladies new shoe with a patent pocket so as to keep the laces from coming untied, regular $3 shoe, special sale price $2.45
A beautiful line of ladies and mens slippers..40 & 45c
A full line of lamb wool sole and Ladies, Misses and Boys Slippers.

We Close Our Store at Noon Tomorrow.

We are Giving Our Own Trading Coupons with everything you purchase in our store. If you have no book call and get one and secure some of our Beautiful Presents Free.

WORMS

If your child is restless at night, grinds its teeth, wets the bed, is constipated, craves indigestible food or is fretful and peevish, you can be sure it has worms.

Kickapoo Worm Killer will expel them and restore the child's health. These tablets are pleasant to take and won't harm the most delicate child. 25c. a box at druggists, or by mail from us. Your money back if not satisfactory. KICKAPOO INDIAN MEDICINE CO., New Haven, Ct.

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—OUR—
TEAS AND COFFEES

are the best that money can buy and cost NO MORE THAN INFERIOR GOODS Our Baking Powder, Spices and Extracts are excelled by none.

UNDERWOOD & TOBIAS
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GOING TO California.

I am sure going to the land of sunshine, fruits and flowers and my loss is your gain. I will sell

APPLES

By the Barrel At a Very LOW PRICE

MUST BE SOLD between Now and Jan. 25.

I HAVE THE BEST STOCK IN THE CITY AND SELL ON A POSITIVE GUARANTEE THAT THEY ARE SOUND.

Come Down and See Them at 6 East River Street, Old Telegraph Building.

LEE COUNTY PHONE 302

C. H. HUMRICHOUSER

PHIL N. MARKS.

The Farmer's and Workingman Friend's Store

The acknowledged BARGAIN STORE have just purchased a $5000 Bankrupt Stock, Consisting of all kinds of Goods.

25 Ladies' Heavy Black Cloaks @.$1.75
12 Men's Corduroy Suits @......$4,95
25 Men's Black Beaver Overcoats.$3.50
50 Boys' Reefers @............95c
98 Boys' Suits @...............95c
75 Boys' Ulsters @..............$2.50
116 Doz Regular 25c Infants' Hose in fine Silk and Cashmere Goods —must be seen..............10c
Men's Heavy Sweaters @..........45c
50 Doz Klondike Socks, Regular 60c Sock, slightly soiled, will sell @..30c
25 Doz German Socks @...........40c
119 High-Grade Misfit Suits, Union Made by Custom Tailors.
50 Doz Children's Woolen Underwear Samples at Half Price.
Children's First Quality Rubbers @15c
Men's Felts and Overs @.$1.50 and up
100 Pair Men's Rubbers @.........20c
For Genuine Bargains Call Early at

PHIL N. MARKS,

Farmer's and Workingman's Friend Store.

85 Galena Avenue

HARD COAL

I will have a car of Hard Nut coal this (Friday) morning. All those who have orders now in please telephone if they want the coal at $13.50 per ton.

Yours Truly

John E. Moyer

North Dixon Coal Yards

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A Sweet Stomach

comes only by having a perfect acting liver and good digestion—both can easily be had by using

Beecham's Pills

Sold Everywhere—In boxes 10c. and 25c.

ANNUAL MEETING ILLINOIS STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION,

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 29-31st, 1902.

On December 28th, 29th and 30th the Illinois Central will sell round trip tickets to Springfield at one fare of $4.64. Tickets will be limited to return January 2nd, 1903.

SAN-JAK

Kidney, Liver and Bladder Cure

SAN-JAK WILL CURE

Rheumatism, Catarrh and Stomach Disorders

All these troubles arise from weakness of the kidneys and a torpid condition of the liver. San-Jak exerts marvellous influence in correcting diseased conditions of the liver, kidneys and bowels. Its soothing and healing effects on inflamed mucous surfaces can be demonstrated in one day's application.

Cures Backache in 24 Hours

Backache is almost always a sign of weakened kidneys and derangements of the liver. San-Jak will cure backache in 24 hours and the worst cases of long standing can be readily and permanently cured with the use of one or two bottles, taken in teaspoonful doses four times a day.

Dr. Burnham's San-Jak is indorsed by Physicians and Recommended by Hundreds of Grateful Patients. Read what they say:

Recommended by Moline, Illinois, Banker.

San-Jak which I took for kidney and bladder troubles cured me after using three bottles. My wife also took San-Jak for backache and nervous troubles with such satisfactory results that she was warranted in giving a recommendation of the merits of San-Jak.

GEO. H. EDWARDS,
Vice-Pres. Moline National Bank.

Prominent Business Man of Rock Island Ill., Cured.

I indorse and recommend San-Jak. I was cured of Backache with one bottle. San-Jak cured me of kidney trouble and the cure was permanent. I have no hesitation in recommending San-Jak.

M. J. MORRIS,
Morris & Lewis, Iron Founders,
Rock Island, Ill

Will Anderson Employed at Deere & Co's. Pl[illegible] Moline [illegible]

My experience with San-Jack which I took for kidney trouble and backache three years ago was most satisfactory. San-Jak cured me. I have had no trouble since.

San-Jak is a Guaranteed Remedy indorsed and recommended by every dealer in drugs and medicines everywhere and if you are not satisfied after using the first bottle, the price paid will be refunded. Let us tell you what we know about SAN-JAK.

C. C. KELLY, Druggist.

105 First Street. Agent For Dixon, Ill.

TWO STATUES FOR SCHWAB

Gerome Has the Models Completed and the Bronzes Will Embellish Schwab's New York Home.

Paris, Dec. 31.—Jean Leon Gorome, the sculptor, has just completed the models of two statues which were ordered by Charles M. Schwab for the decoration of his new house at New York. The models represent "Labor" and "Metallurgical Science." The first shows a robust workman vigorously handling a tool with which he is stirring molten metal. The second is represented by a female figure of the United States type, with an animated face stamped with energy and intense thought.

The figure is clad in antique drapery. Gerome says the statues were ordered by Schwab personally, and that he has tried to symbolize Schwab's entire life in the two figures.' The workman is clad in trousers and shoes only. These garments, the sculptor said, were modeled after the clothing of a Pittsburg workman furnished by Schwab. The statues will be cast in bronze and are to be more than life size.

SEQUEL OF A WOMAN'S SIN

She Takes Her Own Life After Revealing How Her Wifely Honor Was a Wreck.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Minnie Bonawitz, a woman belonging to a prominent family in Marshalltown, committed suicide yesterday. Her act was the result of her sensational elopement last week with M. C. Dakin, a capitalist of State Center, and a note which she left makes still further surprising revelations. In this letter to her husband, A. L. Bonawitz, a wealthy horseman, she says that a bartender named Ritter, who was recently divorced, is the man she really loved.

In the affair of last week Mrs. Bonawitz and Dakin were arrested at a hotel in Ames, wher ethey were registered as man and wife. Her husband forgave her, because he thought it was her first offense. He is now prostrated by her suicide and the latest developments of the affair.

Dr. Pearsons' New Year's Gift.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Dr. D. K. Pearsons, whose gifts to colleges have amounted to several million dollars, yesterday gave a New Year's present of $50,000 to Illinois college, of Jacksonville. About a year and a half ago Dr. Pearsons announced that he would give the $50,000 if the college authorities could secure $150,000 from other sources before Jan. 1, 1903. The $150,000 was secured.

Horse to Have a Monument.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 31. — "Morgan," a horse belonging to Matthew Ice, of Rockport, Ind., died a few days ago. The animal was 26 years old and had carried the mail between Rockport and Richland for fifteen years. In that time he traveled 56,340 miles. The people of Rockport are talking of erecting a monument over his grave.

Wisconsin State Teachers Elect Officers.

Milwaukee, Dec. 31.—The following officers were elected yesterday by the Wisconsin Teachers' association: President, E. A. Birge, of the Wisconsin State university; secretary, Thomas W. Boyce, of Milwaukee. The association decided to turn over all records not now in use to the State Historical society.

Commercial Teachers' Federation.

Milwaukee, Dec. 31.—The National Commercial Teachers' Federation yesterday elected officers as follows: President, J. W. Warr, Moline, Ills.; vice president, U. S. Frye, Chicago; treasurer, C. A. Faust, Chicago; secretary, J. C. Wa[illegible]er, Danville, Ills. The next convention goes to Cincinnati.

'Frisco to Enter New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—President B. F. Yaokum, of the 'Frisco system, has announced that the railroad will enter New Orleans inside of a year if the city government makes certain concessions which will be asked soon.

Ten Spaniards Drowned.

Madrid, Dec. 31.—Ten persons were drowned as the result of the capsizing of a fishing boat off Ondarrer, Viscaya.

NEWS FACTS IN OUTLINE

President Loubet has sent $2,000 for the relief of the sufferers from the earthquake at Andijan, Russian Turkestan.

The Colombian army by a recent national decree has been reduced to 50,000 men.

Berlin papers say that Prince Henry of Prussia is going to the United States in 1904 to visit the St. Louis exposition.

Mrs. Hannah Hexter, a Chicago woman, died of heart disease during excitement over a bargain counter.

The remains of Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont will be cremated at Los Angeles in accordance with her expressed desires.

Advices from New Zealand say that natives there have brutally murdered two European prospectors and many other persons.

Fire at Wharton, Tex., destroyed a block of frame and brick business houses; loss estimated at $60,000.

The Archaeological Institute of America is holding a three days' session at Princeton, N. J.

The government has purchased four more Buffalo from a private herd in Idaho for stocking the Yellowstone National park.

The secretary of agriculture has issued the annual order establishing a quarantine against a number of states on account of the Texas fever.

MALLEABLE I[illegible] COMBINE

Deal That Brings the Plants Into One Concern Said to Have Been Consummated.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 31.—A special from Chattanooga says: General Manager James Meehan, of the Ross Meehan Foundry company, has been informed that the combination of the malleable iron concerns of the country has been closed, and that the transfer of interests will take place some time in January. The following is a complete list of the malleable iron concerns that were taken in by the combine:

Malleable Iron company, Albion, O.; Beaver Dam Malleable Iron company, Racine, Wis.; Bell City Malleable Iron company, Racine; Chicago Malleable Casting company, West Pullman, Ills.; Chisholm and Moore Manufacturing company, Cleveland, O.; Marion Malleable Iron works, Marion, Ind.; Michigan Malleable Iron company, Detroit; Missouri Malleable Iron company, East St. Louis, Ills.; Moline Malleable Iron company, St. Charles, Ills.; Northwestern Malleable Iron company, Milwaukee; Pittsburg Malleable Iron company, Pittsburg; Pratt and Letchworth company, Buffalo; Ross Meehan Foundry company, Chattanooga; Springfield Malleable Iron company, Springfield, O.; Trenton Malleable Iron company, Trenton, N. J.; Waukesha Malleable Iron company, Waukesha, Wis.; Whitley Malleable Casting company, Muncie, Ind.

The capital stock of the combine is rated at from $16,000,000 to $20,000,000.

ADVENTISTS LOSE HEAVILY

Their Big Pubishing House at Battle Creek, Mich., Goes Up in Smoke—Loss of a Life Probable.

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 31.—In the total destruction last night of the big building occupied by the Review and Herald Publishing company the Seventh Day Adventist colony is brought face to face with a second heavy loss by fire within a year, the Adventist sanatorium having been burned down only last February. Last night's loss is estimated by officials of The Review and Herald company at $350,000, with insurance amounting to $150,000.

The fire was discovered when only twenty-five of the 375 employes were at work. One of the twenty-five has not been accounted for, but the others got out by way of fire escapes, the stairway from the book room in which they were working being already in flames when their first warning came. James H. Wilson, a billing clerk, was seriously injured while saving books and papers in the office.

Death of Judge Talcott.

Valparaiso, Ind., Dec. 31. — Judge William C. Talcott, the oldest newspaper man in the state, died suddenly yesterday morning. He was 87 years of age. For fifty years he owned and edited the Porter County Vidette. He was one of the first judges elected in this county. Judge Talcott came to Porter county sixty-five years ago, when it was a wilderness. He surveyed this town, collected its first taxes, taught its first school, preached its first sermons and edited its first papers.

Chief Lutton Removed.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 31.—Chief Geo. W. Lutton, of the Superior, Wis., police department, was removed from office by the police and fire commission last evening. The chief was found guilty of an attempt to bribe Commissioner Sidney Riches, of the commission, and other misdemeanors.

No Change in the Coal Price.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—The sales agents of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Anthracite Coal companies met yesterday and decided to continue the present circular prices during the month of January.

Claims Against Guatemala.

Paris, Dec. 31.—France and Guatemala have agreed to submit to the international arbitration court at The Hague the French claims against Guatemala. They are similar to those against Venezuela.

THE MARKETS

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, Dec. 30.

Following were the quotations on the Board of Trade today:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
December ...	$ .74⅝	$ .74⅝	$ .73⅝	$ .73¾
May	.76⅞	.77	.76⅝	.76⅝
July	.73⅞	.74	.73⅝	.73⅝
Corn—				
December ...	.45¼	.45¼	.44½	.44⅛
May	.43⅝	.43¾	.43⅜	.43¾
July	.42¾	.42⅞	.42½	.42½
Oats—				
December ...	.32⅝	.32¾	.32¼	.32½
May	.34¼	.34⅜	.33⅞	.33⅞
July	.32	.32	.31⅝	.31⅝
Pork—				
January ...	17.20	17.27½	17.20	17.27½
May	16.45	16.47½	16.42½	16.45
Lard—				
December ...	10.35	10.40	10.25	10.30
January	9.95	10.00	9.90	9.92½
[illegible]	9.55	9.57½	9.52½	9.55
Short Ribs—				
January	8.47½	......	......	8.47½
[illegible]	8.62½	8.65	8.62½	8.62½

Chicago Live Stock.

Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, [illegible]; [illegible] ranged at $5.90@6.10 for [illegible] 5.90 [illegible] light, $6.30@6.50 for [illegible] packing, [illegible]@6.65 for mixed, [illegible] for heavy packing and [illegible], with the bulk of the [illegible]@6.55.

Cattle—Estimated receipts for the [illegible]; quotations ranged at $6.40@[illegible] beeves, $5.65@6.40 choice [illegible] steers, $4.85@5.70 good to [illegible], $4.10@4.90 fair to good do., [illegible] common to medium do., [illegible] butchers' steers, $3.75@5.50 fed [illegible] steers, $2.25@4.50 stockers and [illegible] 4.50 cows, $2.40@4.60 heifers, [illegible] bulls and oxen, $3.50@[illegible] steers, $3.00@4.25 Texas steers, $3.50 [illegible] westerns, $4.00@7.25 veal calves.

Sheep and Lambs—Estimated receipts for the day, 8,000; quotations ranged at $2.75@4.60 westerns, $2.70@4.50 natives, $3.50@5.55 western lambs, and $3.50@5.80 native lambs.

Milwaukee Grain.

Milwaukee, Dec. 30.

Wheat—Steady; No. 1 northern, 77c; No. 2 northern, 75½c; May, 76⅝c. Rye—Steady; No. 1, 51½@52c. Barley—Firm; standard, 58c; sample, 39@57c. Oats—Steady; standard, 33½c. Corn—May, 43⅝c.

WHO'S HOLDING COAL?

Question Attorney General Hamlin Is Trying to Solve for Chicago.

HE IS PROBING INTO THE MATTER

Indications Point to the Dealers as the Men Who Have Engineered the Shortage.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Attorney General Hamlin is in the city investigating the cause of the shortage of coal here, which has been represented to him as the pure "cussedness" of the men who handle it, principally the railway managers. He says prices are higher than there is any reason in, and figures this way:

Cost of Soft Coal Production.

"I have found that in Illinois a coal miner gets 49 7-10 cents a ton for mining coal. The freight rate from northern Indiana to Chicago is 60 cents a ton, from southern Indiana 90 cents. It is no more than $1 from any point in Illinois to Chicago, and therefore Illinois soft coal ought to be laid down in Chicago f. o. b. at not more than $1.50 cost to the operator. The price of from $4.75 to $8 a ton for Illinois soft coal is therefore preposterous.

Tries His Hand on Antracite.

"Pennsylvania miners get at the highest 92 cents per ton for mining anthracite coal. The freight to Chicago is about $1.50 a ton. The price in Chicago should therefore be somewhere in the neighborhood of $3 a ton instead of the $12 and $18 prices that have been paid of late."

Begins the Investigation.

The attorney general "got busy" early and at the Palmer House held conferences behind closed doors with representatives of the coal-hauling railroads and of the coal trade. At the city hall the council committee on railroads held a public session, hearing statements from men who direct the movement of coal on the railroads entering the city. Neither inquiry resulted in action by the public officials, and both are being continued today. Attorney General Hamlin's investigation, which may continue until Saturday, is aimed at discovering whether there is or has been any unlawful conspiracy to restrain trade in coal or to force up prices.

DEALERS SAID TO BE THE MEN.

Who Are Holding Their Stuff Until They Can Get Higher Prices.

Hamlin announced last night that he had made rapid progress, and intimated that the greater part of the blame rests with the dealers and not the railroads. "If I find proof," he said, "that the thousands upon thousands of tons of coal which the dealers have in the yards, snow-covered and untouched, are not actually under contract, but held for the purpose of increasing the price, those dealers will be prosecuted and compelled to relieve the suffering occasioned by the scarcity of coal."

Before the railroad committee of the city council the fact was brought out that local dealers are holding vast quantities of coal to keep up the price. Their plan is to have loaded cars reconsigned. Trainmaster John W. Coneys, of the Pennsylvania road, testified that during the past few days one car has been reconsigned seven times. Other railroad officials said their rules did not allow cars to be reconsigned more than once or twice at the outside. Coney promised to do everything in his power to prevent the continuation of this practice in the Pennsylvania yards.

Verdict on the Wanstead Horror.

Wyoming, Ont., Dec. 31.—The coroner's jury which has been investigating the wreck at Wanstead last Friday night, in which twenty-eight lives were lost, brought in a verdict dividing the responsibility between Dispatcher Kerr, Operator Carson and the company. The latter is condemned for having a boy at the key at King's Court Junction. An experienced operator could have prevented the collision, the jury says.

Mrs. McKinley's Niece Weds.

Canton, O., Dec. 31. — Miss Mary Barber, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barber, last evening became the wife of Major Ralph Hartzell. The ceremony was performed at the commodious old Saxton homestead, formerly the home of the McKinleys, now occupied by the Barbers, and was witnessed by Mrs. McKinley. Mrs. McKinley and Mrs. Barber are sisters.

Latest Development of the Strike.

Lisbon, Dec. 31.—A curious strike has taken place at Lisbon. Three brothers of the congregation of St. Martha were expelled by the superior for infraction of the rules. As a protest against their expulsion a number of the monks have refused to eat or attend divine service.

St. Louis Carriage Drivers at Work Again.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—As the result of different conferences the carriage drivers' strike has been declared off. The strike was begun several days ago to enforce demands for higher wages and recognition of the Hack and Cab Drivers' union, and the men won on both points.

Sugar Crop of Santiago de Cuba.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Estimates of the sugar crop in Santiago de Cuba place the crop for 1903 at 453,000 bags, an increase of 72,215 bags over that for the year now closing.

GET DOWN TO FACTS.

Read What Dixon Citizens Say.

Get down to the facts of the matter. Don't take a stranger's word. It is easier to prove the truthfulness of statements made by citizens of Dixon, than endorsement coming from some other place. Read the following:

Mrs. E. Crippen of 622 Hennepin avenue, says: "I consider Doan's Kidney Pills the best remedy on the market for relieving pain in the back and loins. I emphatically declare that the unquestionable benefit I received from a course of the treatment that residents of Dixon who suffer at all from over excited or inactive kidneys stand sadly in their own light if they do not go to Leake's drug store, procure Doan's Kidney Pills and take a course of treatment."

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In a very few days a new year will begin. For you we trust it will be a happy and prosperous one.

In the short period of two years thro gh progressive and modern methods we have built up a Clothing business second to none in the city of Dixon.

The coming year we hope to retain the excellent patronage of the past and add many more new customers.

To maintain the reputation we have acquired of handling not only the best, but the most thoroughly up-to-date stock of merchandise so d in the city, we must clean out all our fall and winter Clothing. Hence we will continue for another 30 days our 20 Per Cent Discount Sale on all Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing.

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ICE HARVEST IN PROGRESS.

Sam Watson Putting Up 2,000 Tons for Nick Plein.

Ice on Rock River is now nine inches thick and the harvest of the ice men has begun. At noon yesterday Sam N. Watson put a force of men on the river near the water works to cut ice for Nick Plein's storage houses. Mr. Plein will put up 2,000 tons and employs union teamsters only in hauling the ice. It will take about a week to finish the harvest.

Mr. Watson recently purchased Van Arnam's Island and consequently has the right to cut ice over on area of 300 acres on the river. Having this large area to work from he will dodge the poor ice and put up nothing but the best for the city service.

VALUABLE PAPER FOR REFERENCE.

Today's Telegraph Worth Preserving For Year's Records.

THE TELEGRAPH today gives its readers much valuable information with reference to the year just closed and will be a valuable paper to preserve

In local affairs will be found a statement of public improvements in Dixon, a record of fires and fire losses, reports of the work of the county officers, etc.

On pages 6 and 7 will be found a summary of the important events of the year throughout the world.

He Talked Saucy and Swore.

The Rockford Register-Gazette says that a cripple man from Polo was in the office of the Chief of Police Moncharged with having used profane language in talking to telephone girls in the Central Union company's office, and after being connected with Manager G. F. Alston he is alleged to have sworn at him. He went to Rockford to have a cork leg made, and will be forced to leave the city as soon as he has the leg in shape.

San-Jak.

In this issue (page 3) will be found C. C. Kelly's advertisement of his agency for San-Jak, the great kidney and liver remedy which he is selling under an absolute guarantee. San-Jak is a Turkish word meaning Regulator Numerous testimonials are offered by people who have taken San-Jak for kidney disorders and backache to the benefits received from its use. Mr. C. C. Kelly the well known Dixon druggist can tell you all about them and San-Jak.

New Year Banquet.

After the strenuous holiday rush at the post office the clerks and carriers are now settling back into the ordinary routine. As a means of expressing their relief for this and many other good things of this life, they will hold their annual New Year banquet on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Finkler restaurant on College avenue.

Old Settler of Carroll County Dead.

Benjamin S. Day of Preston Prairie, one of the oldest settlers of Carroll county, died at his home Sunday noon, aged nearly 89 years. He was one of the hardy pioneers, coming from Vermont to Carroll county, a young man in 1839, and lived there continuously ever since. He outlived all the contemporary early settlers of Preston Prairie.

Marriage License.

The following licenses were issued by County Clerk Thompson today:

Name	Town	Age
Christopher Landan,	Lee Center	23
Mary A. Lohmeyer,	Franklin Grove	23
Thomas B. Coffey,	Dixon,	28
Annie M. McIntyre,	"	28

Prominent Minister Dead.

Rev. A. W. Hawkins, a prominent Cumberland Presbyterian minister, died Tuesday morning at his home in Decatur. He had been for two years past business agent for the synods of Illinois, Indiana and Iowa.

Will Fish For Tarpon.

L. D. Pitcher is making preparations for a trip to Daytona, Florida. Of course he will take his fishing tackle along and some big fish stories may be looked for on his return.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The Woman Christian Temperance Union will hold a business meeting in the Y. M. C. A. parlors Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

AGENT USED A GUN.

Shot Sterling Man in the Leg to Quiet His Tongue.

A shooting affray occurred at the Northwestern depot in this city Tuesday evening in which a Sterling and a Dixon man were concerned and the former went home with a surface wound on his leg from the ball of the Dixon man's revolver.

D. O. Brown, a sewing machine agent of this city, was the man who held the gun and says that the dispute arose out of a replevin suit over the sale of a sewing machine to F. N Johnson of Sterling. He says Johnson got into the same train as he was returning from Sterling last evening and began to personally abuse him. His language was far from choice, says Brown, and he moved his seat several times to avoid the tirade. The brakeman finally interposed and tried to quiet Johnson, but without much avail. When the train reached Dixon Brown attempted to get away by getting off the opposite end of the car. Johnson started for him again and after warning him away Brown pulled a gun and shot Johnson in the leg to make him keep his distance. The wound was only slight and Johnson returned to Sterling satisfied for the time being. Brown was placed under arrest.

Johnson's Story.

F. N. Johnson, when interviewed this morning, stated that some weeks ago a sewing machine agent came to his home in Sterling while he was away and coaxed his wife to trade their old machine for a new one. She finally consented. She was to pay $35 and be allowed to trade in the old machine. When Johnson arrived home he did not like the bargain. He heard no more from the agent until Saturday when D. O. Brown called. Johnson said he wanted the old machine back, while Brown asked for what was due on the new one. They could not come to an agreement and Brown left. Yesterday the latter replevined the new machine on which Johnson said he has paid $20. In the evening he came up to Dixon on the same train with Brown to see his father. He had no dispute on the train with Brown, he claims, and was standing 15 feet away from the latter when shot, having just alighted from the train. Johnson told his story to Officer Ball and returned to Sterling shortly after midnight.

Case Continued.

Johnson came to Dixon this morning when the case was brought up before Justice Bartlett at 10 o'clock. The case was continued until January 9, Brown being placed under $750 bonds to appear at that time.

Johnson moved to Sterling from Dixon about a year ago. He is a carpenter by trade and while here was known as "the terrible Swede."

Mr. Brown has only been here two weeks and was not the agent who made the original bargain.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL RALLY.

Will Be Held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Jan. 5th.

On Monday evening, Jan. 5 1903, the annual congregational meeting will be held in the auditorium of St. Paul's Lutheran church, to which all the members and friends of the church and Sabbath school are most cordially invited.

Programme.

Opening Song by Choir and Congregation.
Scripture Reading and Prayer.
Anthem by the full choir.
Election of a presiding officer.
Minutes of the previous meeting.
Reports from the following societies. The Junior Endeavor, The Busy Bees, The Young Ladies Missionary Society, Y. P. S. C. E., Young Men's Union, Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Ladies Aid Society, Sunday School and Home Department.
Report of Secretary of Church Council, A. J. Kay.
Report of Church Treasurer, C. Gonnerman.
Report of Auditing and Finance Committee.
Report of Pastor T. F. Dornblaser.
Hymn 202 "I love thy Zion Lord."
Election of Deacons, Elders and Deaconesses.
Miscellaneous Business.
Adjournment, Doxology, Benediction.

Banquet in Church Parlors.

The men will serve as Caterers. The member of the church council and their wives will act as reception committee. D. F. Greenawalt, Toastmaster, Senator Hughes, Superintendent Edwards, Ernest Wernick, and Jerry Moyer, with his graphophone, and the Mandolin Club, are on the program to enliven the occasion.

Were Wed This Afternoon.

Miss Anna McIntyre and Thomas Coffey were married this afternoon at 5 o'clock at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Foley. They left for Dubuque at 5:15 this afternoon to visit relatives.

Late Telegrams

President Castro Accepts Proposition.

Special to THE TELEGRAPH:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Secretary Hay received the answer of President Castro to the proposal of the powers to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulties before the Hague tribunal. President Castro accepts the general principals of the proposition. Answer will be transmitted from here to London, Berlin and Rome some time today.

AMERICAN PRESS ASS'N.

STATE MAY FURNISH UNIFORMS.

Action Would Be Hailed With Joy by Co. G Officers.

The officers of Company G and other commands in the Illinois National Guard may in the future have their uniforms furnished to them by the state free of charge. Adjutant General Smith recommends that the state allow officers of the national guard $120 per annum as expense money to be used for the purchase of arms, text books, and clothing required in the discharge of their duties.

The officers of the national guard uniform themselves, and as many of them cannot afford to replace their clothing frequently, the Adjutant General says they do not always have the neatness of appearance that is desired and it would be unjust for the state to censure these officers as would be done if clothing and equipment were furnished.

Among others, the following recommendations are made by the Adjutant General: New uniforms, belts, haversacks and canteens for the enlisted men and permanent improvements at Camp Lincoln, including cement floors and a sewerage system for the mess tents filling up of the swiming pool, which has claimed so many victims from the militia, and the erection of a permanent guard house.

DIXON ENGINEER IN WRECK.

Cyrus M. Hefley Injured at Battle Creek on Christmas Night.

Relatives in this city have received a letter from C. M. Hefley, who left Dixon a year or more ago and is an engineer on the Grand Trunk railway. He resides at Battle Creek, Mich. Omitting other parts of the communication he describes a wreck on the road as follows:

I will send you a Battle Creek paper giving a full account of wreck which occurred Christmas night in which an engineer and fireman lost their lives, which made a very unhappy Christmas in two homes. As for myself and the head-end collision I had Christmas eve I am very thankful that I got out alive, I had an order giving me right of track over the local, Vicksburg to Casapolis. An order was afterwards put out at Penn, the first station east of Casapolis, that extra west, engine 907, should wait at Penn until 4:15 p. m. for No. 76, engine 1085. (No. 76. Engine 1085 was the local.) But the order was not given to me, and I knew nothing of them being at Penn. It was snowing and blowing fearfully and I found them out on the main line and no flag out to protect their train. When I first saw them I was about twenty-five car lengths from them and running about thirty-five miles per hour. I shouted to my fireman to jump for his life, at the same time setting my air at emergency and shutting off my throttle. Then I jumped out of cab window. When I struck the ground I hear the crash and after I got through rolling and bouncing, I got up to see both engines and nine cars a total wreck. My fireman was shaken up pretty bad and I had my left thumb dislocated and right shoulder pretty badly sprained and shook up in general. Engine 1085 is a standard eight-wheeled engine and engine 907 is one of the large mogul engines, so it was like a big dog jumping on a little one. We have had five wrecks within as many days. The conductor of the local has resigned and the engineer might just as well. Well, I don't suppose you care anything about reading about these wrecks. * * *

Post Office Hours.

Tomorrow the post office will be opened between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock a. m. There will no deliveries by the city carriers, but the rural delivery will be made as usual.

Candelighters.

An industral meeting of the Candlelighters will be held in their rooms Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Ladies please bring their own work.

—Miss Bridget A. Larkin and Joseph Miller will be united in wedlock at 6:30 o'clock this evening at St. Patrick's parsonage.

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with which to purchase their gifts—and they're not few—cause the cold snap prevented hundreds from coming out to BUY day before Xmas morning. We offer ever piece in our mammouth and still splendidly assorted stock at figures that will furnish you much finer goods for the same money or as good pieces for very much less money than regular prices. We've several thousand dollars worth of stock to move out before New Year and more than your share is here for the cash you pay. Don't delay ! ! !

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If material and workmanship was poor some other fellow has made a bad job of what we would have done well.

We are ready to do your work this year

Kimmel & Manatt
PLUMBERS.
Both Phones.

THE WEATHER

CHICAGO, Ill., DEC. 31, 9:50 a. m The following are the weather indications for Northern Illinois:

Fair and warmer tonight; possibly followed by showers in south portion Thursday.

Temperature and Precipitation.

For the week commencing Dec . 28 1902

	Max.	Min.	Precp
Sunday	20	1	6
Monday	25	15	—
Tuesday	34	4	—
Wednesday	21	5	—
Thursday	—	—	—
Friday	—	—	—
Saturday	—	—	—

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Year With the Coroner.

Fourteen citizens of Ler county met unnatural deaths during the past year, but only one of these was a suicide; five of the deaths were the result of railway accidents but not through fault of the corporations. Altogether it has been a fairly busy year for Coroner C. T. Smith.

The first jury was called on January 13. John Lane of Pawpaw by excessive use of alcohol and opiates had concluded to die, and the jury found accordingly.

January 30, Dave Conderman and Fitz Dennman were struck and killed by the Northwestern cars near Dixon.

On April 1, Jacob Soloman, supposedly under liquor, managed to upset his load of oak posts and when found by the roadside his body had been crushed beneath the heavy timbers. The accident happened near Compton.

The 12th of April a heavy wind prevailed, so severe as to blow William E. Miller from the top of a freight car, while the train was in motion north of Dixon, killing him.

Dietrick Scadde of Amboy, an old man of 70 years, was struck by a Central engine and killed April 9.

Unknown reasons were ascribed to the death of Delos Perry McKinney of Dixon, who was found dead in his bed on May 16.

Frank Howard, a college cadet, had been attending a target practice and subsequently endeavored to swim the river on May 29. He was drowned.

Dorsey Scott of Sublette on June 10 died from heart trouble.

July 18 William Carpenter of Bradley station, south of Pawpaw, died from paralysis.

The only year's inquest on the body of a woman was on July 25; Almia Connelly of Dixon was poisoned, a gastric trouble, from eating ice cream.

The only suicide was on August 20 when Joseph Clark did the act with a shot gun, in South Dixon.

A second drowning was on August 25 in Rock River at Dixon, Patrick Daley.

The final coroner's act was on September 25 when Charles H. Oates was struck by a Northwestern engine, near the west tower.

While Lee county has had fourteen inquests Whiteside has had twenty-eight. Lee had one woman, they had three. The most of Lee's were accidents, theirs criminal.

Records of Fires in Dixon for 1902

DATE.	NAME.	CAUSE.	INSURANCE.	LOSS.
Jan 6	Mrs. E. J. Ryan	gasoline	$ 2,000	$ 10.30
" 10	C. H. Noble	fire place	1,000	4.00
" 17	John Freed	furnace pipe	1,000	
" 17	Grass	R. R. engine sparks		
" 20	Arnovitz & Co.	unknown	4,000	3,696.95
" 25	J. C. Smith	chimney	600	
" 26	Will Bonner	unknown	900	112.20
" 31	J. B. Dille	furnace	10,000	
Feb. 1	Fuller Bros.	chimney	3,500	
" 3	E. C. Johnson	radiator	1,500	25
" 4	J. Murphy	furnace	1,200	
" 4	A. J. Graff	stove	300	5
" 15	Nellie Bird	chimney		25
" 18	P. Bowser	stove	2,500	5
Mch. 1	Dr. Moss	furnace	2,500	
" 18	S. A. Longdon	unknown	4,400	314
	E H. Richard			
	J. F. Palmer			
" 17	Grass fire	engine sparks		
" 23	Grass fire Assembly	children—matches		
" 24	Grass fire Bluff Park	bonfire		
" 27	C. B. Morrison	gasoline	3,000	
" 31	S. Youngman	chimney	900	12.50
Apr. 4	Perkins & Trein	gasoline	800	3
" 11	Grass Pleasure Park	engine sparks		
May 10	P. Bowser	gasoline	2,500	
June 3	E. R. Kent	children matches		
" 3	Mrs. Albright	gasoline	500	
" 13	Elmer Myers	gasoline	200	
July 4	Joe Oddy	fireworks	850	
Aug. 28	Tom Gaffney	gasoline	500	14.90
Sept. 20	R. W. Thompsohn	lamp	6,000	39.74
Oct. 19	J. C. Smith	spontaneous comb	16,650	973.60
	S. Rosenthal			
Nov. 5	Dr. J. H. Miller	gasoline	1,500	5
" 11	Mrs. Angle	chimney	1,350	221
" 27	Will Ruggles	furnace	1,700	462
" 30	A. Hale	chimney		
Dec. 2	Walter Preston	crossed wires	800	
" 4	Public Library	chimney	11,500	
" 7	Milton Bryan	chimney	4,000	11.37
" 8	T. F. Dornblaser	lamp		10
" 27	Boys' Winter House	stove		30
	Sixteen fires, no call sent in		19,450	308.28
			$104,600	$6,288.84

Dixon Incressingly Healthy.

The books of Wm. J. Barry, superintendent of Oakwood semetery in this city, show that there has been 118 interments in the cemetery in the year just closed, to-wit: In January 12, February 16, March 9, April 8, May 7, June 8, July 4. August 10, September 13, October 12, November 11, and December 8.

This is 9 less interments than in 1901, and more than 20 less than in 1900. Mr. Barry says that notwithstanding the continuously increasing population of the city and surrounding country, the mortality has not only relatively, but actually decreased in numbers, for the last five or six years. This, perhaps, indicates two things: The increasing healthfulness of the locality on account of improved sewerage; and the more perfect control of disease by our physicians through improved methods of treatment. The fact is a pleasing one to record, and shows that Dixon has not only beauty, but remarkable healthfulness of location to offer to all those who settle within her borders.

Births 517.

There were 1000 parents in the various townships of the county who were made happy in 1902 through the arrival of 515 little strangers at their homes. Of these parents a number were made doubly happy for there five pairs of twins. Three of these double blessing occurred at Dixon, one pair, a boy and girl, at Paw Paw and one, boy and girl, in Palmyra. Two of the Dixon pair made up a girl quartet. The first pair born during the year were Harry DeLos Kanzler and Harold Carlos Kanzler of Dixon.

In the Circuit Clerk's Office.

This year the number of instruments of record filed with Recorder I. W. Lewis was 3,436. In 1901 there were 3147, in 1900, 3889 and in 1899, 3071.

In the circuit court the Criminal suits for the year were:

	1901	1902
Jan. term, No.	15	11
April "	11	11
Sept "	11	12

Civil suits:

	1901	1902
Jan. term	149	127
April "	160	129
Sept. "	146	152

There were 38 divorce cases and two for separate maintenance.

Insane Patients.

Fourteen insane patients have been committed to state institutions from Lee County during the year.

John Dodge in Glee Club.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Dodge and daughter, Miss Louise, will go to Chicago tomorrow to attend the concert given by the Cornell University Glee Club. John Dodge, a son, is a member of the Glee club.

—Mr. and Mrs. Burt Page left last night for Arkansas City, Arkansas.

CONCERNING LABOR AND HOME INDUSTRIES

NOTE—Contributions for this Department must be brief and of local significance and interest. - - -

UNION LABEL

Barber Shop Closing Hours.

All union barber shops will keep open until 10 o'clock tonight, and will close at noon tomorrow.

Shoemakers' Union.

The Shoemakers' Union, No. 265, will hold their regular meeting Friday night instead of Thursday night by order of executive committee.

Clerks' Union Election.

The members of the Clerks' Union will meet at the German Odd Fellows hall at 7:30 tomorrow night for election of officers. There should be a large attendance

Barbers Elect Officers.

The local union of journeymen barbers, No. 383, has elected the following officers for the coming year:

President—James Allen.
Vice President—Nate Haller.
Secretary—Frank Huggins.
Treasurer—William Phillips.
Recorder—William Rule.
Financial Committee—John Fox, Al Mathews and Harry Stephan.

Getting Rich on $300 a Year.

Periodically there are foisted upon the patient public various schemes for cheap living. These usually come from well fed college professors, who, however, rarely put their gastronomic theories into practice unless compelled to do so by dyspepsia. It is quite natural, therefore, that the latest proposition of this character should come from a Chicago professor, one J. S. Clark of the Northwestern university. His contention is that on a yearly salary of $300 an unskilled American laborer can and should support a family in comfort and save money. This he declares to be the plain duty of every workingman. How rich he would become after a series of years spent in the enjoyment of scant food and plenty of work the professor fails to state. It may fairly be assumed that Professor Clark has not seen fit to prove this particular faith by his works. It is usually the well fed man who thus discourses on the sweet uses of adversity to his less fortunate brethren.

Professor Clark might have gone even further than he did. Our good old friend, Becky Sharp and Colonel Mulberry Sellers, long since fathomed the secret of living on nothing a year, and only lately an eminent Boston economist, Edward Atkinson, proved that, given a model kitchen and no appetite, household expenses become a negligible quantity.

Seriously, the exploitation of these theories of cheap living, like the many "get rich quick" schemes, is neither prudent or profitable. The theorists of Professor Clark's stripe are, unconsciously perhaps, disturbers of domestic peace. If they were to put their theories into practice, we should hear less of academic deliverances which either provoke ridicule or stir up social discontent.

Meat in Any Quantity.

Allen Weigle will reopen his meat market in the basement of his building on Galena avenue and will sell meat in any quantity, at the following prices:

Good Steak	9c
Round Steak	11c
Sirloin or Porter-house	12c
Pot Roast	6c to 8c
Boiling Meat	5c to 6c
Pork	8c to 12c

All other kinds of meat in proportion. Shop will be open all the time

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At Present the Best Sight in Town is our

Handsome Stock OF Holiday Goods

WHICH Includes the Pick of the Market in Bright, Fresh, New Styles and Novelties for the Christmas Season and we are waiting to show it to you. It will give you new ideas to see our Holiday Line. It is easy to select from, because it contains everything to make people happy whether they are old or young

CHARMING GIFTS

Plenty of them are ready and waiting for your inspection. To look through our fine assortment is a pastime. To price the goods is a pleasure. To possess them is a privilege. Come and see the best for Christmas in The New, The Novel and The Beautiful. It is a stock to please the many and save the money of all who come. You'll trade with us simply because you can't duplicate the goods or the prices. What ever your wants may be, we can meet them with the most desirable and satisfactory selections.

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15 Bars Laundry Soap.....25c
8 lbs Prunes.....25c
20 lbs Ginger Snaps.....$1.00

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1903.

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of insurance on which the first premiums have been paid to the Company in cash. This is

40 MILLION DOLLARS

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of Paid-for insurance in force, which is over

188 MILLION DOLLARS

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DURING the year the Company has paid in death losses on the lives of over 5,000 policy-holders, more than

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As One Signatory of The Hague Convention to Suggest Arbitration.

REFERRING TO THE VENEZUELA ROW

Why We Opposed the Clause We Have Just Now Urged—Castro Is Very Slow.

Caracas, Dec. 31.—President Castro arrived here yesterday morning. At 3 p. m. United States Minister Bowen called upon the president and communicated to him the recommendation that the issues between Venezuela and the allies be taken to the international peace court at The Hague. Venezuela's answer was received this morning at 11 o'clock.

London, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to The Daily Hall from Willemstad, Curacoa, dated yesterday, says: "The postmaster of Maracaibo, Venezuela, having detained correspondence belonging to German merchants the German cruiser Falke threatens to bombard the town."

Washington, Dec. 31. — President Castro's answer to the allies' proposal to arbitrate the Venezuelan troubles has not been received. In fact, Secretary Hay had nothing of importance on the Venezuelan situation to communicate to the cabinet. There are, however, under discussion such questions as those relating to the best means of terminating the blockade, and other matters touching the personnel of the commission which it is expected will meet in Washington to lay down the lines of the arbitration scheme.

This Notes Some Exceptions.

Inasmuch as certain European publicists have taken exception to the efforts of the United States to bring about arbitration between Venezuela and the allies as a violation of all the traditions and rules of international intercourse, the attention of one of the most eminent United States representatives at The Hague conference—one of the men who framed The Hague convention itself—was directed to the criticisms. He very promptly cleared away the misunderstanding on this point by pointing to article 27, of The Hague convention as justification of the attitude of the United States.

Article That He Cited.

This article reads: "The signatory powers consider it their duty, if a serious dispute threatens to break out between two or more of them, to remind these latter that the permanent court is open to them. Consequently they declare that the fact of reminding the conflicting parties of the provision of the present convention, and the advice given to them, in the highest interests of peace, to have recourse to the permanent court, can only be regarded as friendly action."

Same Clause and the Doctrine.

The paragraph was proposed by France, and singularly enough it was opposed principally by the United States, yet the United States is the first of the nations to avail of its provisions. The reason for the opposition of our delegates was a fear on their part that it would seem to be a bestowal of power upon European countries to intervene in American affairs and in a manner an infringement of the Monroe doctrine. The French delegates were exceedingly anxious to carry the paragraph, however, and they finally succeeded in quieting the opposition of the United States delegated through the reservation by the latter, of the right to deal with American affairs in accordance with our established doctrines. This was thought to safeguard the Monroe doctrine, though it is held here that it only recorded an opinion of the United States delegates, and did not bind The Hague tribunal as a whole.

SUCCESSES FOR PRESIDENT CASTRO

His Troops Win a Big Victory Over the Rebels at Barquisimeto.

New York, Dec. 31.—The following is from Caracas, dated Dec. 28: Barquisimeto, capital of the state of Lara, which for some time past has been in the possession of the Venezuelan revolutionists, has been recaptured by government forces. The towns of San Carlos and Tinaquillo have also been reoccupied by the government. The revolutionists at Barquisimeto were under the command of Generals Solagnie and Penaloza. They evacuated the town after losing 112 men killed and 325 wounded. There was hard fighting in the streets and suburbs of Barquisimeto, for two days. The government forces were commanded by General Ceferino Castillo.

It now transpires that President Castro's recent visit to LaVictoria was not of a social nature, as reported here, but for the purpose of conducting personally by telegraph the operations of his forces at Barquisimeto. This victory for the government appears to be a direct result of the president's initiative. It has been a most severe blow for the revolutionists.

Mascagni Exonerated.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Signor Mascagni, the Italian composer, was arraigned in court yesterday on a charge of embezzling $6,000 from his former manager, Ricard Heard, of Boston. After hearing both sides Justice Hurley immediately dismissed the case.

ONE ENGINEER KILLED

Another Fatally Hurt, Probably, and Many Others Wounded in a Railway Wreck.

Sharon, Pa., Dec. 31.—In a head-on collision on the Pennsylvania railroad one and one-half miles west of West Middlesex last night the engineer of the passenger train, Neal Daugherty, of Erie, was killed; four others were seriously injured, and almost a score were hurt. The wreck was caused through a misunderstanding of orders. Both engines were demolished; the express, baggage and smoking cars are almost totally wrecked.

Following is a list of the injured: Engineer Shallenberger, probably fatally, residence not known; Robert Williams, fireman passenger train, and George Gibson, fireman freight train, both of Erie, serious; Samuel J. McDonald, Greenville, express messenger, serious. Among the painfully hurt are: Martin L. Strauss, of New York, cut on leg; August Miller, Erie; Mr. Purvis, Utica, N. Y.; J. H. Taylor, Middlesex; Mrs. Thompson Law and baby, Struthers, O.

UNION PACIFIC SHOPMEN

Conference Held That Settles the Strike and Assures No Further Difficulties—Perhaps.

New York, Dec. 31.—The Evening Post has the following: "There has been a satisfactory conference within the past twenty-four hours between E. H. Harriman, chairman of the executive committee of the Union Pacific road; President Burt, and John McNeil, president of the Boilermakers' union.

The statement was made by one of the directors of the road to The Evening Post today that the result is that the present strike among the shopmen will be terminated, and that there will be no furher strikes in sympathy. The only condition under which further trouble may be expected, this director said, will be a refusal by the men themselves to accept the terms which the leaders seemed willing to agree to for them."

OUR STRENUOUS METHODS

Two Men Butcher Each Other with Knives Because They Loved the Same Girl.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 31.—Jas. Chambers, a prominent young man living in Barboursville, is dying, and Geo. Thompson, of Huff Creek, Logan county, is thought to be mortally wounded, the result of a fight with knives, fought near Logan, Logan county, yesterday. The men were both employed by a prominent lumber company, and for several weeks had been at outs over the fact that both loved the same young woman. Yesterday morning they met and hot words passed.

Each drew a knife and they plunged at each other, demon-like. Chambers was the first to fall, having his body punctured in half a dozen places. Before he fell he inflicted injuries to Thompson that will, it seems certain, cause his death.

Carnegie to Help Honor Watt.

London, Dec. 31.—Andrew Carnegie has notified the provost of Greenock, Scotland, that he is prepared to give $50,000 to erect a memorial to James Watt, in recognition of his engineering achievements, or Carnigie will head a movement in the United States to raise a large fund which, in conjunction with sums raised in Great Britain, will provide for a more extensive scheme of commemoration.

Death of an Ossified Woman.

Rome, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Miss Stella Ewing, one of the ossified women, who for ten years have been living wonders to physicians and scientists, is dead, aged 39 years. At an early age she was afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism which physicians failed to relieve. At the age of 25 she lost the use of her limbs and eminent specialists said she was gradually turning to bone.

We Await the Decision.

Washington, Dec. 31. — An impromptu girls' party, given by Miss Alice Roosevelt, has presented to society the question: "Whether under our democratic form of government an invitation to the White House is to be regarded as a command, even when it comes over the telephone from the president's daughter?" Miss Roosevelt did not raise the question.

Pope's Presents Worth $2,500,000.

Rome, Dec. 31.—In connection with the exhibition at the Vatican of the more valuable of the pope's jubilee presents it is announced that the total number of gifts was 32,000. The value of the gifts presented to him on the occasion of his three jubilees is estimated at $2,500,000. The pope has bequeathed the presents to the holy see.

His Father Founded the Disciples.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 31.—The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Campbell, of Bethany, W. Va., was celebrated here yesterday. Campbell is the son and namesake of Alexander Campbell, founder of the Disciples' church. Four generations were represented.

Dudley Still Stands Pat.

Sullivan, Ind., Dec. 31. — John S. Dudley, the deposed sheriff of Sullivan county, stands pat and refuses to retire from office. He is backed up in this attitude by the entire county government, and he will fight the case through the supreme court.

Shiras to Retire This Winter.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Justice Shiras, of the supreme court of the United States, wil retire some time during the present winter.

IN THE YEAR 1902

Notable Events From January to December.

RECORD DAY BY DAY

Startling Volcanic Upheavals In the West Indies.

WORK OF THE GRIM REAPER

Losses of Life and Treasure by Flames, Accident, Storms and Shipwrecks—Personal Items, Political, Sporting and Miscellaneous Affairs—A Chronological Review.

JANUARY.

1. Shipwreck: Steamship Walla Walla sunk in a collision near Cape Mendocino, Cal.; 40 people drowned.
2. Shipwreck: The Alaskan steamer Bristol wrecked on Green island; the captain and 6 sailors lost.
4. Shipwreck: The British steamer Alfonso and the Spanish steamer Vilelva sunk in collision off Aveiro, Portugal; 19 sailors drowned.
5. Obituary: J. B. Polk, a veteran actor, in Baltimore; aged 61.
7. Obituary: Elbridge S. Brooks, writer of popular books for boys, at Somerville, Mass.; aged 55. Baron Jean de Bloch, author of "The War of the Future," the book which led to the peace congress of 1899, at Warsaw; aged 59.
Fire: At Richmond, Cameron & Cameron's tobacco factory burned; loss, $150,000.
8. Obituary: Gen. Francis J. Herron, a noted Federal officer in the civil war, in New York city; aged 62.
11. Obituary: Horace E. Scudder, noted author, at Cambridge, Mass.; aged 64.
12. Railroad Accident: 17 people killed and over 30 injured in a rear end collision in the New York Central tunnel in New York city.
13. Fire: At Syracuse the Central City Masonic hall burned; loss, $200,000.
Accident: 10 miners killed by the explosion of firedamp at Dow, I. T.
14. Accident: 44 miners drowned by the flooding of the Jupiter mine, Brux coal district, Bohemia.
Fire: At Manchester, N. H., loss of $500,000 by burning of Kennard block and Park theater.
Obituary: John Howard Bryant, brother of the late William Cullen Bryant, the poet, at Princeton, Ill.; aged 94.
15. Fire: At Los Angeles, Cal.; loss, $150,000.
16. Obituary: Prof. Alpheus Hyatt, famous paleontologist, at Cambridge, Mass.; aged 64.
Earthquake: At Chilpancingo, Mexico; heavy loss of life.
Fire: At Kalamazoo, Mich.; loss of $200,000 by burning of a wagon factory.
19. Obituary: The Infanta Christina Isabella of Spain, in Madrid; aged 69.
Fire: At Fall River; loss of $200,000 by burning of Globe Yarn mills.
Accident: 60 people killed and 100 injured by explosion in a spinning mill at Manresa, Spain.
20. Accident: 13 people killed and 50 injured by collapse of floors in Smithfield mills, Belfast.
Fire: At Memphis; loss of $200,000 by burning of Wetter Stove foundry.
Colombian War: The Colombian fleet defeated in battle by insurgent squadron; Gen. Alban, Colombian leader, killed.
21. Fire Accident: 7 men burned to death at Camp No. 5, Hambleton, W. Va.
Obituary: Aubrey Thomas de Vere, Irish poet; aged 88. Camilla Urso, famous violinist, in New York city; aged 60.
Fire: At Columbus, O.; loss of $250,000 by flames in business district.
22. Fire: At New Britain, Conn., St. Mary's Roman Catholic church burned; loss, $250,000.
Accident: 22 miners killed by a dust explosion in the Lost Creek mine, near Oskaloosa, Ia.
25. Earthquake: Shocks in Missouri, Kansas and Illinois.
Fire: In business district of Mobile; loss, $300,000.
26. Obituary: Dr. Lachlan Tyler, son of President John Tyler, in New York city.
28. Fire: At Mount Clemens, Mich.; loss of $300,000 by burning of two hotels and a bathhouse.
Obituary: Rear Admiral Lewis Ashfield Kimberly, U. S. N., retired, at West Newton, Mass.; aged 72. Eugen Du Pont, head of powder manufacturing firm, at Wilmington, Del.; aged 61.
29. Fire: In business portion of Wolcott, Ind.; loss, $120,000. In St. Paul the People's church destroyed; loss, $105,000.
Storm: Heavy fall of sleet in Arkansas; damage in Little Rock, $500,000.
30. Fire: In Norfolk 2 hotels, an apartment house and stores and offices burned; loss, $900,000.

FEBRUARY.

1. Shipwreck: The French ship Chanarai wrecked in a fierce storm off Brittany; 21 sailors lost.
Accident: 100 deaths in an explosion at the Hondo mines, Mexico.
2. Fire: At Waterbury, Conn.; 7 blocks burned; loss, $3,000,000.
Obituary: Paul F. Munde, gynecologist of worldwide fame, in New York city; aged 56.
3. Fire: At New Milford, Conn.; loss, $100,000.
4. Accident: 6 men killed and many injured fighting fire in St. Louis.
5. Accident: 13 killed by explosion of a gas main in Chicago.
6. South African War: Hard fighting on the blockhouse line between British and De Wet's Boers; the burghers' loss reported at 300 by Kitchener.
7. Obituary: Thomas Sidney Cooper, famous animal painter, in London; aged 99.
Fires: At Minneapolis the Vendome hotel, valued at $200,000, gutted by flames. At Horton, Kan., car works of the Rock Island railroad damaged to the extent of $250,000.
8. Obituary: Vice Admiral Montijo, commander of the Spanish fleet at the battle of Manila, at Madrid; aged 71.
Fire: At Wabella, Ill., the town nearly wiped out; loss, $300,000.
9. Fire: In Paterson, N. J.; 26 blocks burned; loss, $6,000,000.
11. Convention: Annual session of the National American Woman Suffrage association began in Washington.
12. South African War: British patrol on Klip river entrapped by Boers, with loss of 50 killed and wounded.
Obituary: Lord Dufferin, formerly governor general of Canada, at Clandeboye, Ireland; aged 76.
Riot: 12 killed in a battle between officers and mountaineers near Middleboro, Ky.
14. Riot: 16 killed and 100 injured in a collision between troops and rioters at Triest.
Fire: In Jersey City, N. J.; loss of goods and shipping at the Lehigh Valley Co.'s pier, $300,000.
17. Convention: The 11th annual session of the National Society D. A. R. opened in Washington.
18. Obituary: Albert Bierstadt, noted American landscape painter, in New York city; aged 73. Rev. Dr. Newman Hall, noted Congregationalist minister, in London; aged 86. Charles L. Tiffany, noted New York jeweler, in that city; aged 90.
Fire: At Battle Creek, Mich., Seventh Day Adventist sanitarium burned; loss, $500,000.
19. Riot: 57 killed and 100 wounded in a strikers' melee at Barcelona, Spain.
Obituary: John Moran, pioneer photographer and a noted landscape painter, in New York city; aged 73.
21. Storm: A blizzard of snow followed by rain and sleet raged throughout the country; telegraph and railway communications interrupted.
Fire: At Lafayette, Ind., offices of the Call and the Journal, with other properties, destroyed; loss, $200,000.
22. Obituary: Billy Emerson, an old time minstrel, in Boston; aged 56.
Personal: Miss Helen M. Stone, the missionary held for ransom by Bulgarian bandits, released.
Fire Disaster: 18 killed and many injured in a fire which gutted the Park Avenue hotel, New York city.
23. Personal: Prince Henry of Prussia arrived at New York.
25. South African War: A British convoy attacked by Boers at Klerksdorp, Cape Colony; British casualties, including prisoners, 632.
Accident: 7 trainmen killed in a head-on collision between New York Central trains near Auburn, N. Y.
26. Personal: Centenary of the birth of Victor Hugo celebrated in France and other countries.
Obituary: Henry G. Marquand, New York banker and art patron, in that city; aged 83.
Storm: A southeast tempest with wind at 60 miles an hour raged along the Pacific coast.
27. 630 Boers, with 2,000 horses and 28,000 head of cattle, captured by the British on the Harrismith blockhouse line, Orange River Colony.
28. Floods: Large rivers in the eastern and central states swollen by rains and melting snow.
Accident: 14 killed and many injured by a snowslide at Telluride, Colo.
Storm: Great blizzard in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

MARCH.

2. Obituary: Col. Francis W. Parker, noted American educator and reformer, at Pass Christian, Miss.
3. Obituary: Charles Broadway Rouss, millionaire merchant noted for his eccentricities, in New York city; aged 66.
4. Obituary: Neil Bryant (Cornelius O'Brien), the first black face minstrel, in Brooklyn, N. Y.; aged 72.
5. Obituary: Alfred Booth, a pioneer Chicago merchant, in that city; aged 74.
6. Obituary: John Daniell, last of the old time dry goods merchants, in New York city; aged 81.
Storm: A blizzard of snow, sleet and rain swept across the whole country.
7. Fire: At Hudson, N. Y., loss of $200,000 by flames in the business district.
Accident: 15 passengers and trainmen killed and many injured by a wreck followed by fire on the Southern Pacific, near Maxon, Tex.
South African War: In a sudden attack upon Gen. Methuen's column, near Klerksdorp, Delarey's Boers killed 51 British, wounded 110 and captured 202, including Methuen.
12. Obituary: Ex-Gov. J. P. Altgeld of Illinois, at Joliet; aged 55.
Shipwreck: Steamer Providence capsized at Lone Landing, Lake Palmyra; 20 lives lost.
Earthquake: Town of Kyankari, Asia Minor, destroyed; 3,000 houses wrecked.
Storm: 40 deaths in a tornado which swept over Louisiana.
13. Obituary: Gen. D. S. Stanley, U. S. A., retired, at Washington, D. C.; aged 73.
14. Personal: King Edward and Queen Alexandra held their first court at Buckingham palace.
16. Fire: At Bryn Mawr college; loss of $225,000 by the burning of a dormitory.
17. Obituary: Sir Richard Temple, noted Anglo-Indian official and figure in society, in London; aged 76.
Shipwreck: 12 life savers and sailors drowned by the capsizing of a lifeboat off Monomy point, Nantucket sound.
18. Fire: The Phœnix liner British Queen and several lighters burned in North river off the Hoboken piers; loss, $1,000,000.
19. Obituary: Dr. Manuel Sanclemente, titular president of Colombia, near Bogota; aged 84.
20. Flood: The city of Bangor swept by an overflow of the Penobscot; damage, $1,000,000.
Obituary: Noah Davis, noted jurist, in New York city; aged 84.
22. Sporting: Cambridge defeated Oxford in the annual boat race over the Thames course; time, 19m. 22s.
26. Obituary: Cecil Rhodes, the South African magnate, at Cape Town; aged 49.
30. Fire: At Guthrie, Okla., the state capital printing plant, 2 hotels and other buildings burned; loss, $350,000.
Floods: By the overflow of Tennessee rivers 20 lives were lost and property to the amount of $4,000,000 destroyed.
Storm: Pittsburg struck by a fierce gale.
31. Accident: 16 miners killed by explosion in the Nelson mine at Dayton, Tenn.
Obituary: Oscar McClellan, a wealthy inventor, who was the friend of Edgar Allan Poe, in Philadelphia; aged 82.
South African War: British and Boers fought at Doombolt Farm, Hart's river; losses nearly 300 in killed and wounded.

APRIL.

1. Fire: Louisville; loss of $200,000 by the burning of a paint and varnish factory.
Obituary: Thomas Dunn English, poet and politician, author of "Ben Bolt," in Newark, N. J.; aged 83.
Shipwreck: 11 persons drowned by the sinking of the steamer Cambrian Princess in collision near Nab lightship, England.
3. Fire: Atlantic City, N. J.; 12 hotels burned; loss, $750,000.
5. Accident: 21 people killed and 250 injured by the collapse of a stand at a ball game in Glasgow.
6. Fire: At Chesterton, Ind.; loss, $100,000.
8. Obituary: The Earl of Kimberly, Right Hon. John Wodehouse, K. G., Liberal British statesman, in London; aged 76.
10. Fire: Southern Plow works burned at Columbus, Ga.; loss, $200,000.
11. Obituary: Gen. Wade Hampton, distinguished Confederate cavalry officer, at Columbia, S. C.; aged 84.
12. Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, noted Presbyterian divine, in Washington; aged 70. Baroness Marie von Olenhausen, famous as an army nurse during the civil and Franco-Prussian wars, at Lexington, Mass.; aged 85.
16. Obituary: Don Francisco d'Assisi, duke of Cadiz, consort of former Queen Isabella of Spain, at Epinay, France; aged 80.
Accident: 150 lives lost by an explosion in the military barracks at Managua, Nicaragua.
18. Earthquake: Beginning of 3 days shocks in Guatemala.
19. Obituary: Col. Charles Marshall, military secretary of General Lee at Appomattox, in Baltimore; aged 72.
20. Fires: At Madison, Ill., loss of $250,000 by the burning of a steel plant. At Dallas, Tex., 4 different fires caused a loss of $400,000. At Sunbury, O., a railway trestle burned; loss, $200,000.
Obituary: Frank R. Stockton, the novelist, at Washington, D. C.; aged 68.
Disaster: 60 deaths by the burning of the steamer City of Pittsburg at Turner's Landing, Ill., on the Ohio river.
31. Storm: 7 deaths by wind and lightning in southwestern Oklahoma.

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ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

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Fire: The Gem City sawmill and lumber yard burned at Quincy, Ill.; loss, $350,000.

Weather Phenomena: Hot and cold waves in the west; thermometer ranged from 22 to 102 in Nebraska.

22\. Obituary: Gen. Egbert L. Viele, noted officer in the Mexican and civil wars, in New York city; aged 77.

Convention: 12th annual reunion of the Confederate Veterans at Dallas, Tex.

24\. Fires: In central Pennsylvania $1,500,000 worth of property destroyed by burning forests. At Croghan, N. Y., 23 buildings burned; loss, $300,000.

25\. Hurricane: 6 people killed and many injured at Joplin, Mo.

27\. Obituary: J. Sterling Morton, ex-secretary of agriculture and the "Father of Arbor day," in Chicago; aged 70.

Fire: At Glens Falls, N. Y., loss of $500,000 by flames in the business section.

28\. Obituary: Sol Smith Russell, the actor, in Washington; aged 54.

30\. Fire Panic: 8 killed during a fire alarm in the American Tobacco Co.'s works, Philadelphia.

MAY.

3\. Volcanic Eruption: A flow of lava following an eruption of Mont Pelee, island of Martinique, buried 150 people and caused great destruction of property on the outskirts of St. Pierre.

Sporting: Arsenal won the Metropolitan Handicap at Morris park, New York.

4\. Storms: A cloudburst at Foss, Okla., drowned 9 persons and damaged the town to the amount of $200,000. A windstorm caused damage of $300,000 in St. Louis.

Obituary: Potter Palmer, noted multimillionaire of Chicago, in that city; aged 76.

5\. Political: The first Cuban congress assembled at Havana.

Fire: In New Milford, Conn.; loss, $400,000.

6\. Shipwreck: The British steamer Camorta foundered during a cyclone in the bay of Bengal; over 700 people lost.

Obituary: Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, U. S. N., retired, in Washington; aged 62. F. Bret Harte, the author, at Camberley, England; aged 63.

8\. Obituary: Paul Leicester Ford, the novelist, killed by his brother, Malcolm Ford, in New York city; aged 37.

Volcanic Disasters: St. Pierre, island of Martinique, destroyed by the eruption of the volcano of Mont Pelee; loss of life estimated over 30,000. The same day the volcano of La Soufriere, island of St. Vincent, broke out and destroyed 1,700 lives. Many vessels lost in the harbor of St. Pierre.

9\. Obituary: Dr. Sir Henry Morton, noted American scientist, president of the Stevens Institute of Technology at Hoboken, N. J., in New York city; aged 66.

12\. Explosion: An explosion of naphtha in the yards of the Panhandle R. R. near Pittsburg resulted in heavy loss of life and damage amounting to $600,000.

Anthracite Strike: The miners of Pennsylvania went out on a strike, demanding shorter hours and increased rates per ton.

15\. Obituary: Dr. William Todd Helmuth, noted surgeon and homeopathist, in New York city; aged 69.

16\. Fire: Loss of $900,000 by flames in the Armour lard refinery, Chicago. Loss of $300,000 in a tannery fire at Cattaraugus, N. Y.

17\. Riot: 4 white officers of the law and 6 negroes killed at Pittsburg, a suburb of Atlanta.

Fire: At Houlton, Me., the business district swept, with a loss of $500,000.

18\. Tornado: At Goliad, Tex., about 100 people killed and as many injured.

19\. Explosion: 220 deaths caused by gas explosion in the Fraterville mine, Coal Creek, Tenn.

20\. Political: President Estrada Palma installed as executive of the Cuban republic.

Obituary: E. L. Godkin, noted American editor, at Brixham, England; aged 71.

21\. Fire: At Maysville, Ky., the Enterprise tobacco warehouse burned; loss, $170,000.

Obituary: Francis Varga, a prominent officer of Hungary under the revolution of Kossuth, at Leon, Ia.; aged 84.

22\. Obituary: Mrs. Lily Martin Spencer, noted American artist, in New York city; aged 71. Annie Clark, well known actress of the Boston Museum Co., in Chicago; aged 56.

Fire: The town of Clover, Halifax county, Va., nearly destroyed; loss, $100,000.

Explosion: Over 100 miners perished by gas explosion in the Crow's Nest coal mine at Fernie, B. C.

23\. Fire: 600 cars burned in the Buffalo stockyards; loss, $600,000.

24\. Storm: Extensive damage to property by a severe storm in Illinois, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas.

Fire: Loss of $100,000 at Johnstown, O.

Obituary: Lord Pauncefote, British ambassador to the United States, in Washington; aged 74.

Sporting: Reina won the Brooklyn Handicap at Gravesend.

25\. Storm: 6 people killed and crops damaged to the amount of $100,000 by a violent thunderstorm in Spartanburg county, S. C.

26\. Obituary: Henry Greville (Alice Marie Durand), noted French author, in Paris; aged 60. Jean Benjamin Constant, noted French painter, in Paris; aged 56.

31\. South African War: Terms of peace signed by the Boer representatives and the British officials at Pretoria.

JUNE.

3\. South African War: Terms of peace published in England. The Transvaal Boers surrender nationality, accept a small indemnity and pay no war tax, but secure amnesty for prisoners of war.

4\. Sporting: Ard Patrick won the English Derby.

Fire: In Hegerwisch, a suburb of Chicago, the Illinois Car Co.'s plant burned; loss, $1,000,000.

7\. Fire Disaster: 10 killed and 30 injured at the burning of the sanitarium of the St. Luke's society, Chicago.

9\. Tornado: 29 persons killed and many injured on the White Earth Indian reservation, Minnesota.

West Point Centennial: Beginning of the celebration commemorating the founding of the National Military academy.

Fire: At Saratoga the Arcade, Citizens' bank block and Theater Saratoga burned; loss, $300,000; 5 lives lost.

11\. Tornado: 11 people killed and property damaged to the amount of $2,000,000 by a storm which swept over Illinois.

13\. Fire: Alexander City, Ala., wiped out by flames; loss, $750,000.

14\. Sporting: Gold Heels won the Suburban Handicap at Sheepshead Bay.

17\. Obituary: Very Rev. E. A. Hoffman, dean of the General Theological seminary in New York city, at Plattsburg, N. Y.; aged 73.

19\. Obituary: King Albert of Saxony, at Dresden; aged 74.

Fire: At Orange Valley, N. J.; loss of $200,000 by the burning of Berry & Co.'s hat factory.

20\. Accident: 6 deaths in a head-on collision on the Northern Pacific at Staples, Mich.

21\. Sporting: Wyeth won the Chicago Derby. Cornell won the three intercollegiate boat races at Poughkeepsie, Wisconsin having the second place in two races, Pennsylvania in one and Columbia third place in all three.

22\. Fire: In Portland, Ore.; loss, $600,000.

Shipwreck: The Chinese cruiser Kai-Chih sunk by explosion in the Yangtse river; 150 officers and sailors lost.

24\. King Edward: Court physicians declared King Edward's condition critical and the coronation postponed.

25\. Storm: Indiana swept by a destructive gale; damage to property, $2,000,000.

26\. Sporting: Yale won the varsity race at New London, [illegible]: Harvard's time, [illegible].

29\. Storm: Destructive gale, with heavy rain, at Alton, Ill.; loss, $1,000,000.

JULY.

1\. Political: Congress adjourned.

4\. Filipino War: President Roosevelt issued proclamations declaring trouble at an end.

Fire: Plant of the Capewell Horse Nail Co. at Hartford, Conn., burned; loss, $300,000.

4\. Accidents: Fourth of July casualties killed 31, injured 2,649; fire loss, $250,155.

5\. Accident: Trolley road collision near Gloversville, N. Y.; 13 killed and 20 injured.

Fire: Main building of Swift & Co.'s packing house, Chicago, destroyed; loss, $1,000,000.

Sporting: Brighton Beach Handicap won by Gold Heels.

6\. Personal: Pope Leo XIII. celebrated the 24th anniversary of his coronation. Aguinaldo set at liberty.

7\. Fires: In Plattsburg, N. Y.; loss, $125,000. Cummings flour mills at Oswego, N. Y., struck by lightning and burned; loss, $100,000.

Convention: The National Educational association at Minneapolis.

9\. Weather: 11 persons killed by heat in Pittsburg.

Obituary: Mrs. Charles Godfrey Leland, wife of celebrated author, at Florence, Italy; aged 71.

10\. Accidents: Explosion of firedamp in mine of Cambria Steel Co., near Johnstown, Pa.; more than 115 miners killed.

Obituary: Capt. William W. Reisinger, U. S. N., commanding cruiser Philadelphia, aboard his ship. Mrs. Annie Alexander Hecor (Mrs. Alexander), English novelist; aged 77.

Convention: Baptist Young People's union met at Providence, R. I.

12\. Obituary: Most Rev. Patrick A. Feehan, Roman Catholic archbishop of Chicago, died there; aged 73.

13\. Personal: Marquis of Salisbury resigned and A. J. Balfour became premier of Great Britain.

Obituary: Gen. Thomas J. Morgan, noted war veteran, at Ossining, N. Y.; aged 63. Mrs. Eloise Bridges Erwin, actress, who originated role of Gretchen in Jefferson's "Rip Van Winkle," at Kansas City, Mo.; aged 70.

14\. Foreign: The celebrated campanile, or bell tower, of Venice fell.

16\. Fire: In Guayaquil, Ecuador; loss, $2,000,000.

Obituary: Rev. John S. Brown, oldest Unitarian minister in United States, at Lawrence, Kan.; aged 96.

17\. Boating Accident: 14 drowned off isle of Shoals, Mass.

20\. Tornadoes: Baltimore visited by a heavy storm; 13 killed and much damage done. 73 persons drowned in Russia.

Obituary: John W. Mackay, American capitalist, in London; aged 72.

21\. Marine Disaster: More than 100 excursionists drowned by sinking of the Elbe river steamer Primus at Hamburg.

22\. Obituary: Cardinal Ledochowski, distinguished Roman Catholic prelate, in Rome; aged 80.

23\. Fire: At Camden, S. C.; loss, $100,000.

25\. Fire: At Albany, N. Y.; $250,000 loss.

Sporting: James J. Jeffries defeated Robert Fitzsimmons at San Francisco, retaining heavyweight championship of the world.

27\. Obituary: Dr. Eugene Grissom, noted alienist, at Washington, D. C.; aged 71.

28\. Obituary: Chief Rabbi Jacob Joseph, head of orthodox Hebrews, in New York; aged 62. Jehan Georges Vibert, French artist; aged 62.

29\. Fire: At Pittsburg; loss, $300,000.

Obituary: Paul Van der Voort, past commander in chief of the G. A. R. at Puerto Principe, Cuba; aged 56.

30\. Earthquake: Severe shocks felt in California; damage done at Los Alamos and elsewhere.

Storms: Floods in Texas destroyed millions in crops and drove many families from their homes.

31\. Mine Disaster: Explosion in coal mine near Sydney, Australia; 120 killed.

AUGUST.

1\. Obituary: Col. Andrew C. Ferris of Hackensack, N. J., who first used petroleum as an illuminant, at Sunset Park, N. Y.; aged 84. Mrs. Elizabeth Drew Barstow Stoddard, novelist, wife of the poet, Richard Henry Stoddard, in New York city; aged 80.

4\. Obituary: Commodore Joseph E. Montgomery of the Confederate States navy, in Chicago; aged 85.

5\. Convention: The American Federation of Catholic societies met in Chicago.

6\. Disaster: Collision on Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. R. near Rhodes, Ia.; 15 killed, 40 injured.

Criminal: Harry Tracy, the notorious outlaw, after evading capture for months and killing a number of officers and citizens, committed suicide at Creston, Wash.

Conventions: Catholic Total Abstinence union at Dubuque, Ia. American Osteopathic association in Milwaukee, Wis.

7\. Disaster: 16 lives lost in a mine explosion near Trinidad, Colo.

Sporting: Americans, Malcolm D. Whitman and William A. Larned, win international singles tennis championship match from British contestants at Bay Ridge, New York.

8\. Obituary: Gen. Lucas Meyer, commander of the Orange Free State forces in the recent war with Great Britain, in Brussels. John H. Twachtman, famous American landscape artist, at Gloucester, Mass.; aged 49.

Sporting: International tennis doubles championship won by British team, H. L. and R. F. Doherty, at Bay Ridge, New York.

9\. Fire: National Storage Co.'s buildings at Communipaw, Jersey City, N. J., destroyed; loss, $500,000.

Obituary: James Joseph Jacques Tissot, French artist, painter of the "Life of Christ;" aged 66.

Personal: Edward VII. crowned king of Great Britain and Ireland and emperor of India.

Sporting: C. S. Titus of New York won international rowing championship at Lake Quinsigamond, Mass. Janowski won international chess tournament at Hanover, Germany; the American champion, Pillsbury, second.

10\. Fires: At San Angelo, Tex., 7 killed and $75,000 loss. Schwarzschild & Sulzberger's packing house at Pittsburg burned; loss, $450,000.

Storms: At Kansas City, Mo.; loss, $100,000, and at Trenton, N. J.; loss, $250,000.

Obituary: Mrs. Eliza Young, oldest American actress, at West New Brighton, N. Y.; aged 90.

11\. Personal: Oliver Wendell Holmes, son of the poet, appointed associate justice of the U. S. supreme court.

Convention: International Typographical union met at Cincinnati.

12\. Chinese Rebellion: 1,000 rebels slain by government troops in the province of Szechuen.

Fire: Gasoline explosion caused fire in Paducah, Ky.; damage, $100,000.

Conventions: Knights of Pythias held biennial conclave in San Francisco. Grand lodge of the Order of Elks met in Salt Lake City.

13\. Volcanic Eruption: Island of Torishima, Japan, overwhelmed and all the inhabitants, numbering 150, killed.

14\. Obituary: Charles L. Fair, a son of the late Senator Fair, killed, with his wife, in an automobile accident in France.

15\. Storm: Tidal wave destroyed portion of Mexican city of Atala; many lives lost and much property destroyed.

Obituary: Luther R. Marsh, noted lawyer and spiritualist, at Middletown, N. Y.; aged 89.

16\. Storm: Several vessels wrecked and many lives lost in a terrific storm near Cape Town, South Africa.

Sporting: World's record of trotting to [illegible] Lord Derby, who went a mile in [illegible].

1\. Disaster: 20 villages destroyed and 700 lives lost by a landslide in Transcaucasia, Russia.

Obituary: George M. Hopkins, leading electrical engineer and editor of the Scientific American, at Cheshire, Mass.

18\. Convention: Young Men's Christian association world's congress met at Christiania, Norway.

Obituary: Dr. Leopold Schenck, famous Austrian biologist, author of "The Determination of Sex," at Schwanberg, Styria, Austria; aged 62.

19\. South American Revolution: Cumana, Venezuela, captured by insurgents.

Disaster: 105 drowned by the sinking of a pontoon on the Amur river, Siberia.

Fires: 7 lives lost in New York city tenement house fire. Parsons college, Fairfield, Ia., destroyed.

20\. Convention: Universal Peace union met at Mystic, Conn.

Disaster: Explosion in Delaware Pulp mills at Wilmington, Del.; 17 killed.

Storm: Cloudburst and tornado at Pana, Ill., caused $150,000 damage.

Navy Maneuvers: Beginning of sham campaign between the blue and white squadrons off the Atlantic coast.

21\. Obituary: Gen. Franz Sigel, famous German civil war veteran, in New York city; aged 78.

24\. Railroad wreck near Princeton, Ind.; 7 killed.

Mimic Naval War: The invading white squadron captured by the blue squadron off Manchester, Mass.

26\. Fire disaster, at Gehring, Neb.; 6 killed.

27\. Earthquakes in Mindanao, Philippine Islands; more than 50 natives killed.

Obituary: Ada Gray, actress, noted for her impersonation of Lady Isbael in "East Lynne," in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sporting: Tennis Champion William A. Larned of America successfully defended his title by defeating R. F. Doherty, England, at Newport, R. I.

Convention: American Bar association met at Saratoga, N. Y.

28\. Obituary: George Douglas Brown, English novelist, author of "The House With the Green Shutters," in London; aged 33.

29\. Sporting: Dan Patch, second horse to pace a mile in less than 2 minutes, went that distance in 1:59½, within a quarter of a second of the world's record, held by Star Pointer.

Fire: Wood's Opera House at Bay City, Mich., burned; $100,000 damage.

30\. Volcanic Eruption: Mont Pelee, on the island of Martinique, again erupted; more than 1,060 lives lost.

Sporting: Futurity, richest stake of the year, won by Savable at Sheepshead Bay, New York.

Railroad Disaster: Train on Chicago and Northwestern R. R. lifted from the track by a cyclone near Owatonna, Minn.; 3 killed and 60 injured.

31\. Storm: More than 18 vessels and many lives lost in a gale at Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Army and Navy Maneuvers: Beginning of the mimic war between ships and forts on the Atlantic coast.

SEPTEMBER.

1\. Volcanic Eruption: Over 200 persons killed by explosions of Mont Pelee, Martinique.

Accident: 20 negroes killed and many injured in a wreck on the Southern R. R. near Berry, Ala.

2\. Obituary: William F. Howe, noted criminal lawyer, in New York city; aged 74. Edward Eggleston, author, near Lake George, N. Y.; aged 65.

3\. Accident to the President: President Roosevelt's carriage struck by a trolley car near Pittsfield, Mass.; William Craig, the president's guard, killed and the president and Secretary Cortelyou injured.

Volcanic Disturbance: Another eruption of Mont Pelee, Martinique; 2,000 reported dead.

Sporting: Running record for mile and three-sixteenths broken by Scintillant at the Harlem race track, near Chicago; time, 1:57 2-5.

4\. Fire: The Cincinnati Music hall damaged and the Odeon theater destroyed by fire at Cincinnati; $110,000 loss.

5\. Volcanic Disturbance: La Soufriere, St. Vincent, again in eruption.

Haitian Rebellion: Rebels defeated troops of provisional government.

Obituary: Prof. Rudolf Virchow, celebrated German pathologist, in Berlin; aged 81.

6\. Obituary: Philip James Bailey, English poet, author of "Festus;" aged 86.

7\. Fire: Paper works at Bogota, N. J., destroyed; loss, $200,000.

Haitian Rebellion: Haitian gunboat Crete-a-Pierrot sunk by the German gunboat Panther; Haitian commander, Admiral Killick, killed.

8\. Obituary: Count de Miranda, husband of the famous singer, Christine Nilsson, in France. Sir Frederick Abel, famous English chemist; aged 76.

9\. Obituary: William Allen Butler, New York lawyer and poet, author of "Nothing to Wear," at Yonkers, N. Y.; aged 77.

11\. Fires: At Stonewall, Miss., cotton mills; loss, $125,000. In the Beaumont (Tex.) oilfields; loss over $200,000.

12\. Obituary: Alexander R. Shepherd, former governor of the District of Columbia, in Mexico; aged 67.

Fire: Plant of the Bridgeton (N. J.) Woolen Co. destroyed; loss, $200,000.

13\. Obituary: Gen. John H. Forney, a noted Confederate veteran, in Alabama; aged 73.

14\. Anniversary of President McKinley's Death: Memorial services held throughout the United States.

Obituary: Winfield S. Stratton, millionaire miner, at Colorado Springs, Colo.; aged 55.

15\. Mining Disaster: 17 lost in an explosion at North Fork, W. Va.

Convention: Odd Fellows' convention opened at Des Moines, Ia.

Obituary: Horace Gray, former justice of the U. S. supreme court, at Nahant, Mass.; aged 74.

16\. Fire: Coal bunkers, etc., of the Tesla Coal Co. of Stockton, Cal., destroyed; loss, $200,000.

Steamship Record: Kronprinz Wilhelm sailed from Cherbourg to New York in 5 days, 11 hours and 57 minutes, breaking westbound record.

18\. Arctic Exploration: Lieut. Robert E. Peary arrived at Sydney, N. S., on his return from an unsuccessful attempt to reach the north pole.

Disaster: Postoffice at Minto, N. D., collapsed; 15 buried in the ruin.

19\. Disaster: 115 negroes killed in a panic in Birmingham, Ala.

Obituary: Marie Henriette, queen of the Belgians, at Spa, Belgium; aged 66.

20\. Sporting: E. Carroll Schaeffer of Reading, Pa., won American amateur swimming championship at Travers island, N. Y.

21\. Alpine Disaster: 7 killed while ascending Mont Blanc.

22\. Earthquake: Heavy shock felt at Guayaquil, Ecuador, South America, and on the island of Guam.

Convention: 3d annual meeting of Spanish-American War Veterans in Detroit, Mich.

23\. Convention: National council Order United American Mechanics met at Atlantic City, N. J.

Obituary: Major J. W. Powell, government ethnologist, at Haven, Me.; aged 68.

Sporting: Pacing record, 1:59¼ for a mile, held by Star Pointer, equaled by Dan Patch at Readville, Mass.

25\. Convention: 39th annual meeting of the National Association of Mexican War Survivors at Paris, Ky.

Personal: Charlemagne Tower, U. S. ambassador to Russia, appointed to succeed Andrew D. White as ambassador to Germany.

26\. Cyclone: 600 killed by a storm in Sicily.

28\. Arctic Exploration: Capt. Sverdrup arrived at Christiania, Norway, on his return from the arctic regions.

29\. Obituary: Emile Zola, French author, in Paris; aged 62.

Storm Disaster: 600 persons drowned by a tidal wave in Japan.

Riots: 11 peasants killed and 40 injured in agrarian riots in Hungary.

Convention: The American section of the Theosophical society met in Chicago.

Fire: 5 blocks destroyed in Stockton, Cal.; loss, $500,000.

OCTOBER.

1\. Obituary: Admiral James E. Jouett, U. S. N., retired, a conspicuous naval hero of the civil war, at Sandy Springs, Md.; aged 74.

2\. Mine Explosion: 12 miners killed by firedamp in the Lawson mine, Black Diamond, Wash.

3\. Coal Strike: Conference of the president and representatives of the miners and coal operators at Washington.

6\. Convention: Annual encampment of the G. A. R. opened in Washington.

Obituary: Liu Kun Yi, viceroy of Nankin, noted for his friendship to America and opposition to the Boxer uprising of 1900, at Nankin; aged 64.

7\. Convention: The farmers' national congress began its 22d annual session at Macon, Ga.

Fatal Fire: 12 lives lost by the burning of 40 derricks in the oilfields at Beaumont, Tex.

8\. Labor Troubles: General strike of French miners. Street car strike riot in New Orleans. President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers declined President Roosevelt's proposal that the anthracite strike be discontinued pending the action of congress.

11\. Personal: The crown prince of Siam paid his respects to President Roosevelt.

Haiti: The Haitian revolutionists won a victory at Montrouis, the government losing a gunboat sunk, 2 guns captured and 115 men disabled.

13\. Accident: Baron de Bradsky, aeronaut, and his engineer killed by falling from an airship at Paris.

Venezuelan War: Beginning of a heavy battle at Victoria between 4,000 government troops and 6,000 revolutionists.

15\. Coal Strike: President Roosevelt appointed a commission to adjust the differences between the striking anthracite miners and the coal operators.

Obituary: Rear Admiral Thomas Oliver Selfridge, U. S. N., retired, the oldest naval officer of his rank in the world, at Waverly, Mass.; aged 98.

16\. Fire: West Haven, Conn., the famous Waddington mansion, which cost $250,000, destroyed.

17\. Convention: Annual meeting of the National W. C. T. U. at Portland, Me.

18\. Close of 5 days' fighting at Victoria, Venezuela, and victory of President Castro's army; loss of the insurgents, 3,000 men.

Storm Disaster: 50,000 houses destroyed and 2,000 people killed and injured by a typhoon on the coast of Japan.

20\. Coal Strike: The anthracite miners voted unanimously to abandon the strike, which began May 12.

Fire: At Springdale, Pa., plant of the American Glue Co. burned; loss, $120,000.

21\. Fire: In Chicago; 13 workmen killed; loss, $1,000,000.

Personal: Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens reelected president of the National W. C. T. U. at Portland, Me.

Conventions: The first convention of the United Textile Workers of America met in Washington, D. C. The first general missionary convention of the Methodist Episcopal church opened in Cleveland. The American Missionary association met in convention at New London, Conn.

22\. Storm: 100 houses destroyed and 15 people killed in a hurricane at Diamante, Argentina.

Fatal Fire: 6 deaths at the burning of the Corn Product Co.'s plant in Chicago; loss, $500,000.

25\. Volcano: Eruption of Santa Maria, Guatemala; loss of life and destruction of property in the coffee districts.

26\. Obituary: Frank Norris, the California novelist, at San Francisco; aged 33. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, woman suffragist, reformer and philosopher, in New York city; aged 87.

28\. Gen. Uribe-Uribe, Colombian insurgent leader, surrendered with his army and material.

NOVEMBER.

1\. Fire: Island of St. Pierre, off Newfoundland, the town of St. Pierre devastated; loss, $500,000.

Sporting: Pennsylvania defeated Columbia in the annual football contest at Philadelphia; score, 17 to 0.

Obituary: J. M. Hutchings, writer and lecturer known as the "Father of the Yosemite," at Yosemite; aged 82.

Accident: 15 persons killed and 70 injured by the explosion of election fireworks in Madison square, New York.

8\. Fire: 3 factory plants burned at Camden, N. J.; loss, $1,000,000.

Sporting: Harvard defeated Pennsylvania in the annual football game at Cambridge; score, 11 to 0.

11\. Volcanic Eruption: Kilauea, Hawaii, in violent commotion.

15\. Sporting: Yale defeated Princeton at football; score, 12 to 5.

Fire: The historic home of William Cullen Bryant destroyed at Rosyln, N. Y.

Fire: At Sioux City, Ia., Armour & Co.'s plant destroyed; loss, $900,000.

20\. Shipwreck: Danish steamer Knud II. sunk by collision with the British steamer Swaledale in the Tyne; 8 Danish seamen drowned.

22\. Sporting: Yale scored 23 to Harvard's 0 in the annual football match at New Haven.

Obituary: Frederick Alfred Krupp, the German gunmaker, at Essen; aged 48.

Fire: The Wisconsin Central ore dock burned at Ashland, Wis.; loss over $500,000.

23\. Obituary: Septimus Winner, song composer, author of "The Mocking Bird" and other favorites, in Philadelphia; aged 75.

Obituary: Cluysenaar, noted Belgian artist; aged 65. Col. Thomas P. Ochiltree, famous Texan wit, at Hot Springs, Va.; aged 62.

25\. Personal: Joseph Chamberlain, British colonial secretary, sailed for South Africa to investigate affairs in the Transvaal.

27\. Sporting: Pennsylvania defeated Cornell in the intercollegiate contest at Philadelphia; score, 12 to 11.

28\. Obituary: The Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, minister of the City Temple, London, in that city; aged 72.

Fire: At Norman, Ont., 6 steamboats, 12 dwellings and 50,000,000 feet of lumber destroyed; loss, $1,000,000.

29\. Accident: 13 killed and many injured by a boiler explosion in the plant of Swift & Co., Chicago.

DECEMBER.

2\. Obituary: James Ethan Allen Gibbs, sewing machine inventor, at Raphine, Va.; aged 73.

3\. Fatal Fire: 14 deaths in the burning of the Lincoln hotel, Chicago.

7\. Obituary: Thomas Brackett Reed, ex-speaker of the house, in Washington; aged 63. Thomas Nast, formerly noted cartoonist, at Guayaquil, Ecuador; aged 62.

8\. Venezuela: German and British legations closed at Caracas and the envoys left the capital.

9\. Venezuela: The combined German and British fleet seized 4 Venezuelan warships at La Guayra, the port of Caracas.

12\. Venezuela: The German and British warships bombarded and silenced 2 Venezuelan forts at Puerto Cabello.

Sporting: The 6 day cycle race for the long distance championship of the world at Madison Square Garden, New York, won by George Leander and Floyd Krebs; record, 2,478 miles, 3 laps.

14\. Obituary: Julia Dent Grant, widow of Gen. U. S. Grant, in Washington; aged 76.

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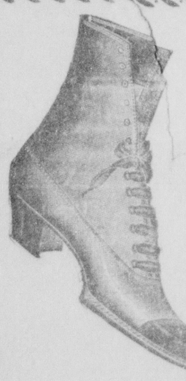

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New Years Service at Emanuel Church.

Special New Year's day service will be held tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. at the Emanuel Lutheran church, with preaching by Rev. H. F. Schmidt. Everybody invited.

Another Double Crime.

A. P. Talbot, manager of the Central Union Telephone company's office at Delavan, a station near Peoria, shot and seriously wounded his wife and then killed himself Tuesday morning. Jealousy is supposed to have been the motive.

—Miss Myra Lawrence is visiting in Sycamore.

—Charles Willey went to Chicago this morning.

—S. C. Cheminant transacted business in Rockford today.

Ed Frohman of Milwaukee is calling on the Dixon druggists.

—Norman Hausen was here yesterday from Franklin Grove.

—Squire Johnson was in Rochelle today on real estate business.

—Mrs. Martha Hunsdon is quite ill and does not improve very fast.

—C. H. Miller went to Chicago this morning for a stay of several days.

—Murray King came up from Clinton this morning for a short visit.

—W. C. Andrus and O. L. Packard spent today in Peoria on business.

—Fred Tillson arrived home this afternoon from a business trip to Chicago.

—Chas. Yock, ex-sheriff of LaSalle county, died on Sunday at his home in Ottawa.

—Miss Neva Connors of Chicago is in Dixon to remain until Saturday with friends.

—Miss Lena Marzolf returned to her home in Rockford today after a visit with Dixon friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. DeWorth Easton are home from a holiday visit at Paris, Ill., Mr. Easton's former home.

—The Hamilton Whist Club will meet at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Moore on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Breed and daughter returned to New Bedford, Ill., today after a holiday visit with Mrs. Rhoda Fister.

—Joseph Allen, agent for an Arkansas land company, has returned to Mendota after a visit with his brother, James Allen of College avenue.

—Paul Woodbury Axtell, son of Dr. N. H. Axtell, pastor of the First M. E. church of Freeport, died at the home of his parents at noon yesterday.

—Miss Maud Wood, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Ellen Rogers in North Dixon, left last night for a six months' visit at Mason City, Iowa.

—Dorthey Chapter O. E. L. will meet Friday night, Jan. 2nd. There will be initiation of candidates, after which the officers for the ensuing year will be installed.

—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fien, Mrs. J. T. McGrath, Miss Gertrude Murphy and Henry Murphy returned home last night from Peoria where they attended the Murphy-Reed wedding.

—Agents W. W. Gilbert and W. A. Dutcher, who locally represent the New York Life Insurance company, have a large advertisement on page 5 giving results of the year's business and interesting figures concerning the company.

—Oliver Miller, an actor, was shot dead on the stage recently during the performance of "Crawford's Claim" at Marion, Indiana. The shooting was a part of the melodrama, but by some unaccountable mistake the revolver proved to have been loaded with ball cartridges instead of blanks.

Fred E. Sterling of Rockford, a former Dixon boy, is being vigorously urged to become a candidate for the presidency of the Illinois-Iowa league He is well known about the circuit, has been a follower of baseball affairs for years and it is believed would have little difficulty in landing the plum.

—Geo. Ferris, Sterling's crack ball player, has signed contracts to play with Spokane (Washington League,) next season. He will play second base. This is the same team with which he closed the season last year and such a hit did he make with the fans that he was the first man to be signed this year. He will report about March 1.

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To the Ladies of Dixon.

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CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 31, 1902

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
May	73⅞	73⅞	72⅝-¾	72⅝-¾
July	76⅛-⅜	76⅛-⅜	76¼-½	76⅛8
Dec	73⅛-⅜	73⅜	73⅛-⅜	73⅛-⅜
Corn—				
Dec	44¼-44	44¼	43¾	44
May	43¼-⅛	43⅜	43	43b
Oats—				
Dec new	32⅜	32⅜	31⅝	31⅝
May	33⅜-½-⅞	33⅝	33⅝	33⅝-½
Pork—				
Jan	17.35	17.50	17.35	17.47½
May	16.30-35	16.42	16.30	16.37
Lard—				
Jan	9.90	10.00	9.90	9.97
May	9.50	9.57	9.50	9.52
Ribs—				
Jan	8.45	8.47	8.40	8.42
May	8.60	8.67	8.60	8.65½

Cash Grain.

Wheat—
No. 2 r 74½ a 75½
No. 3 r 68 a 74½
No. 2 hw 71 a 73
No. 3 hw 67 a 72
No. 1 n s 75 a 76
No. 2 n s 73 a 75½
No. 3 s 66 a 74

Oats—
No. 2— 32
No. 2w 35 a 37
No. 3 31½
No. 3w 32 a 34
No 4 w 31 a 32½
Standard 33½ a 35

Corn—
No. 2 44½ a 45
No. 2 w 44½ a 45
No. 2 y 45 a ½
No. 3 41 a 41½
No 3 y 44 a 44½

Former DeKalb Merchant Suicides.

Marshall E. Nearing, until a few years ago engaged in the harware business at DeKalb, committed suicide in his father's barn at Smyrna, Chenango county, New York, Monday night.

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